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How far the United States can or will be concerned in that can only be decided by President Wilson. Officials assume that Germany expects the United States to inform her enemies of her reply.

Wait for Entente's Reply. Some officials pointed out that the United States could do nothing further and could not decide on a course until the entente allies have also replied to the note. Their view has been forecast by entente diplomats here as a courteous recognition of the President's purposes and ideals, but probably a firm refusal to enter into conference without having terms advanced first.

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The President points out that which he has at heart and leaves open the choice of road.

To the Imperial Government an immediate exchange of views seems to be the most appropriate road in order to reach the desired result.

It began, therefore, in the sense of the declaration made on Dec. 12, which offered a hand for peace negotiations, to propose an immediate meeting of delegates at a neutral place.

The Imperial Government also is of the opinion that the great work of preventing further war can be begun only after the end of the present struggle of the nations.

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The law provides that violations shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50, or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

There will still remain a wide range of costumes which the Colonels of the Gardner administration may adopt. They can get away with very tasteful effects in green or old rose, or the military white dress style of the musical comedy stage. But the law seems to say they shall not wear blue.

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**Gems Valued at \$7600 and Belonged to St. Louis's Daughter-in-Law.**

**NEW YORK, Dec. 27.**—After four weeks' investigation, the Detective Bureau here reports that no progress has been made in the efforts of Detective Killy to trace the \$7600 worth of jewelry stolen on Dec. 1 from the apartments of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Dickson Walsh, at 670 Park avenue.

Walsh is a son of Julius S. Walsh, chairman of the Mississippi Valley Trust Co. of St. Louis. He was married last October to Mrs. J. J. Grey, the former wife of a Montana broker. He had been divorced in St. Louis in 1915 by his wife, the former Miss Jessie Kehlor, who charged desertion.

The theft of Mrs. Walsh's jewelry was kept secret by the police for three weeks, while efforts were made to trace it. The jewels, for the most part, were missing and pearls disappeared from Mrs. Walsh's dresser between 10:30 a. m. and 6 p. m. The family was moving in at the time and many men were passing in and out.

The missing jewelry is described by the police as follows: One ring, set with two diamonds and a pearl, valued at \$6000; a breast pin containing a pearl and several diamonds, valued at \$1000; a diamond and pearl brooch, valued at \$250; a ring set with small diamonds, valued at \$200, and several articles of lesser value.

At the Walsh home a maid said that the family was in the city. She said she had not been employed at the time of the robbery and refused to discuss it.

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The law provides that violations shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50, or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

There will still remain a wide range of costumes which the Colonels of the Gardner administration may adopt. They can get away with very tasteful effects in green or old rose, or the military white dress style of the musical comedy stage. But the law seems to say they shall not wear blue.

In the last few years the honorary Colonels have had uniforms costing sums up to \$200,











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for January are ready—hear  
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## TWO BILLS FOR NONPARTISAN CITY BALLOT BEING PREPARED

Citizens' Committee Will Try to Get Law Through Before Spring Election.

The Citizens' Committee, which conducted the campaign for a nonpartisan ballot charter amendment, at the November election, has decided to go into the Legislature with the same proposition, in the hope of getting it passed in

time to be effective for the municipal election next April. The proposal will be embodied in two bills—one to abolish party primaries in St. Louis elections and to require nominations by petition only, without party names or symbols on the ballots, and the other to require the election of the Board of Aldermen so that each big group in the city will be represented according to its strength.

## 2 Big Events in 1

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## New Shoe Dept.

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and positively are greater than any other store in all St. Louis. Entire stock included. Coats as Low as \$1.00—Suits \$3.50 and up.

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One Minute  
Electric Service Chats

## Electric Service in the Factory

Electric power is fast taking the place of steam power in factories all over the world.

Factory owners are learning they can buy electric energy from the big central electric stations for less money than it costs them to produce power in steam plants.

When a man can buy service cheaper than he can supply it himself and, by buying it, can avoid tying up a lot of money in a plant to produce it, he buys the service.

Most factory owners need all the money they can get hold of to put into making the goods they sell.

Thousands of factory owners, being shown they could buy from central electric stations the power they are using, for less money than it was costing them to make that power in their own steam plants, have scrapped the steam plants and cut off that continuing loss.

Other factory owners, running small electric generating plants for their own use, have scrapped those small plants on being shown that they could buy power cheaper from the central station. It paid them to take the loss on the small plant investment, in order to stop the continuing loss on cost of power.

There are exceptions, but this is the rule. It is more the rule every year, as central stations, increasing the volume of their output and so reducing unit production costs, are able to quote lower and lower rates on power for factory use.

As for lighting factories, electric light is the only light. Good factory lighting means fewer accidents, more man and machine efficiency, a better product and more of it.

## The Electric Company

UNION ELECTRIC: Main Office—15th and Locust  
Branches: 4913 Delmar 3028 N. Grand, 3012 S. Grand

## FORMER ST. LOUISAN ISSUES BOOK OF POEMS

Jane Burr, Formerly Mrs. Jack Punch, Publishes Volume Entitled "City Dust."

Jane Burr, who is Mrs. Horatio Winslow of New York and was formerly Mrs. Jack Punch of St. Louis, and whose "Letters of a Dakota Divorcee," printed a few years ago, gave an account of the evening of her St. Louis relationships, has written a book of poems. The book, entitled "City Dust," is published by Frank Shay of New York.

Originally was a marked feature of this writer's prose work. It is shown in her verse, and this originality, rather than the poetic quality, dominates the new book. The poetic quality is present in some of the verses, though not in all of them.

Some of the themes treated, in the 45 pages of this little volume of verse, are: A mother's fear for her son who wishes to go to Mexico as a soldier; a young wife's effort to make herself loved by her husband's folks; a New Yorker's longing for a Southern Christmas; a debutante's name; an experience in rearing a foundling; the bread line on Christmas; a consumptive's hope of recovery; an old wife's care for her insane husband; tenement house scenes; the tenement house office; a German band on Christmas night; a negro cook with aboriginal instincts; and a mother who must give up her children.

Most of the verse is rhymed, but "The Foundling Baby," in free verse, is one of the best of the collection. "The Old Debt," portraying a wife's care for her "addled" husband, does not rank high as poetry, but there is an odd appeal in its last two lines, where the wife shows that her long devotion has been an act of penance, saying, "When we was young, I wasn't square to him."

Among the more ambitious attempts are the lines entitled "The Oracle Speaks." These verses are:

God-spilt raindrops, glint and beat  
Ribbons, sunlit, crystal flood;  
Know your end is gutter mud;  
Love, you know, is gutter mud;  
With your royal purple wing,  
With your jangle-flowered breath:  
Know the end of you is death.

"The Marrow of Life" is written in praise of the city. It is:  
The country stillness soothes me—for a night,  
Perhaps a year, or more;  
And then the city calls me and I must be on my way.  
To the reeking, cluttered back streets and  
And the grimy and staid and terror of  
Oh, you may throbb to nature and nature's  
But mine are city pulses that beat with city  
And I'd rather save one sorrow and try  
Than pick a million daisies for a million million years.

Mrs. Winslow's maiden name was Rosalind Guggenheim. Her husband, Horatio Winslow, is a writer for Socialist publications. The note of Socialism appears in at least two of her poems, one of which contrasts the condition of rich and poor children, while the other pictures ideal women, whose husbands work so hard that they are unable to accompany and oversee them in their "machines," the being her phonetic manner of spelling the participle of the verb, "to maximize."

"ACTOIDS," ACT ACTUALLY.  
"ACTOIDS," Do Not Grpe Nor Sicken.

## MAN SLUGGED AND ROBBED ON EIGHTEENTH ST. VIADUCT

Joseph Klein, of Delphi, Ind., Has Concussion of Brain; Five Others Held Up.

Joseph Klein, 40 years old, of Delphi, Ind., was found unconscious at 2 o'clock this morning in the mail and baggage subway at Union Station. At the city hospital it was found that he was suffering from a cut on the scalp and concussion of the brain. When revived he told policemen that he was slugged and robbed of \$15 by four men on the eighteenth street viaduct, south of Union Station.

William Melenbach, 1617 North Twentieth street, was held up by two men in front of 1418 Hogue street last night. When he refused to throw up his hands he was clubbed on the head and face with revolvers.

Jacob Hoffman of Kittysville, Mo., was held up by two men at Ninth and Market streets and robbed of \$48 and his grip containing wearing apparel.

William Quinn of 1111 North Seventh street was kicked in the ribs by two men at Seventh and Carr streets and robbed of 70 cents.

John Pollock, East St. Louis, reported to the police that he was "strong-armed" by two men at Twenty-first and Wash streets and robbed of \$23 and a gold watch.

Barney Crow of 118 Lucas avenue told the police that he was robbed of \$10 and a watch by a negro and negress at Broadway and Lucas avenue.

Seem-Aspirin Tablets  
Knock out deep-seated colds, etc.

## SOME DEPORTED BELGIANS ARE REPORTED REPATRIATED

Germany Said to Have Acted at Request of King Alfonso

LONDON, Dec. 27.—King Alfonso of Spain has persuaded the German Government to repatriate a large number of Belgian workmen who were deported into Germany, according to a Madrid dispatch to the Radio Agency. The dispatch says that the Spanish Ambassador at Berlin has telegraphed his home Government to this effect and has been instructed to continue his efforts.

JOHN: The place to buy your Holiday presents of Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry is at Lofie Bros. & Co., 300 N. Ninth St. Open every evening.

Drops 14th German Airplane.  
PARIS, Dec. 27.—The German Government, on Dec. 26, brought down his fourteenth airplane, between Chaulnes and Hyencourt-Le-Grand (south of the Somme)," says today's War Office announcement.

No Deposit Required.  
From residence customers for Union Electric Light & Power Co. service.

## WRITER OF "LETTERS OF A DAKOTA DIVORCEE," WHO TURNS TO POETRY



MRS. HORATIO WINSLOW.

## MAYOR INJURED WHEN SCHOOLING HIS HORSE OVER HURDLES, DIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Maj. Powell Clayton, formerly attached to the general staff at the War Department and recently assigned to the Sixteenth Cavalry at his Mexico border, died today at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., from injuries received two weeks ago, when schooling his horse over the hurdles on the drill field.

Maj. Clayton was the son of former Gov. Clayton of Arkansas.

## Overloading The Stomach

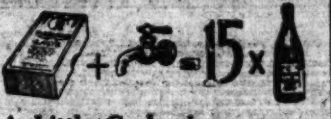
Causes Incomplete Digestion, Weakens the System and Breeds Dyspepsia.

Trial Package of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets Free.

Gluttony is as vile a sin as drunkenness and its evil results are more terrible and far more rapid. The human system turns into the stomach and alimentary canal from 7 to 35 pounds of digestive fluid every twenty-four hours. Cramp your stomach with food and you exhaust these juices. If your stomach cannot digest the food because it lacks juices to do it with, you should either eat less or make more gastric fluids.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets contain ingredients of one grain of which will digest 3,000 grains of food. With Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets in your stomach the evil effects of overeating are removed for these little tablets when dissolved stick to the food and digest all the good from it. They won't abandon the stomach and leave a mass of decaying undigested food to rot and irritate the mucous membrane lining. They give greater quantities of gastric fluid, help the intestines enrich the blood, prevent constipation, and gluttony, while sinful, may yet be made less harmful by the use of these tablets.

Every druggist carries them in stock; price 50 cents per box, or send us your name and address and we will send you a trial package free by mail. Address, F. A. Stuart Co., 243 Stuart Bldg., Marshall, Mich.



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THIS REMEDY EQUALS FIFTEEN BOTTLES OF A LAXATIVE MINERAL WATER.

BOTTLED mineral waters differ in strength, but the laxative and health giving properties common to all are contained in a 5c. box of CARBOZINE. You mix the powder with water in proportion best suited to your taste and needs. It pays 25c. for one bottle when you can make fifteen bottles for the same money.

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## Reputation Established A Future Guarantee

We dare not jeopardize our priceless asset, Good Reputation, for a transitory Profit. We dare not misrepresent our goods or our endorsements.

Consider this well! Reputation is the safeguard of inexperience. "Avoid those that make false claims." Whether or not a man has expert knowledge of Diamonds, Watches and Jewelry, he is safe if he puts his trust in merchants of good reputation.

Why take a chance with small or unknown dealers when your credit is good with Lofie Bros. & Co., Old Reliable, Original Diamond and Watch Jewels, 300 N. Ninth St., Established 1888.

This business, the largest of its kind in the world, is a monument to the progress. "Honesty is the best policy."

## THE "COME-BACK"

The "Come-back" man was really better down and out. His weakened condition, because of overwork, lack of exercise, improper eating and living, demands stimulation to satisfy the cry for health-giving essential in strength. GOLD NERVE TONIC, the National Remedy of Holland, will do the job. One bottle each day will put a man on his feet before he knows it. Whether his trouble comes from uric acid poisoning, the kidney, gravel or stone in the bladder, stomach derangement or other ailments that beset the modern American, don't wait until you are entirely down and out before you try it. Your druggist will gladly refund your money if they do not help you. 50c. and \$1.00 per box. Accept no substitutes. Look for the name GOLD NERVE TONIC on every box. They are the purest natural and most potent Oil Capsules.—ADVERTISMENT.

New Store Hours—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. *Briggs-Vandermoort-Barney* New Store Hours—8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Charge Purchases Made This Week Will Be Placed on January Account—Payable in February

## Year-End Sale Specials

### Our Sale of Gossard Corsets at About One-Third Less Than Regular Prices Continues

This sale has attracted a great deal of attention—from women who always look for the BEST in quality.

The reputation of Gossard Corsets is world-wide, so that when they are offered at reduced prices, the event is, indeed, noteworthy.

Regular \$6.50 Models—made of fancy batiste, especially desirable for the average and slightly built figures, at \$3.95  
Regular \$8.50 Models—made of fancy coutil, and suitable for the average and large figures, at \$4.95  
Regular \$5.00 Models—of pink or white batiste, at \$3.50  
And a Special Gossard Model, suitable for the slight and average figure, at \$1.75

Gossard Brassieres—Odd Sizes—25c

Up to \$1.00 Values

Corset Shop—Third Floor.

### Costumes at Half-Price—and Less

We have added many new garments to those included in our Half-Price Sale, and those who were not able to avail themselves of the first offering will be given a second opportunity.

Just think of getting—

\$25.00 Dresses for \$12.50  
\$39.50 Dresses for \$19.75  
\$50.00 Dresses for \$25.00  
\$78.50 to \$100.00 Dresses for \$39.50  
\$105.00 to \$195.00 Dresses for \$50.00

Costume Shop—Third Floor.

### Year-End Sale in the Bric-a-Brac Shop

This sale includes a great many Odd Pieces of Pottery which will be sold at

HALF-PRICE

The lot includes pieces of genuine Wedgwood, a few pieces of Holland Pottery, Candlesticks in Italiane Faience, a number of Marble Busts and Figures, and Bronzes—all at

HALF-PRICE

We also have several styles in Painted Candlesticks and Fancy Trays which will be sold at

HALF-PRICE

Some Birds and Parrots—for the new table bowls—are priced as low as

Bric-a-Brac Shop—Fourth Floor.

### Year-End Sale of Flannels

Remnants of Outing Flannels, Dress Flannelettes and Printed Velour—all desirable lengths for making saques, dresses, etc. Greatly reduced prices for this sale.

Remnants of Virella Flannels in neat stripes on white and colored grounds—making both men's and women's shirts. The yard

60c  
Outing Flannels in neat stripes and checks on white and colored grounds—desirable for making nightgowns, pyjamas, skirts, etc.; pink and blue effects; value 12½c a yard. Sale price

10c  
Printed Velours in neat designs on colored grounds—desirable for kimono and saques; choice of pink, blue, heliotrope, etc. Regularly sold at 18c a yard. Sale price

12½c  
36-inch Printed Dress Flannelettes with cashmere-finish in neat designs on colored grounds—desirable for house dresses, dressing saques, etc. The regular 18c-a-yard quality is offered at the special sale price of

16c  
Fine Embroidered Flannels—silk-embroidered edge—for infants' and children's skirts; 36 inches wide. The regular 85c-a-yard value will be offered during this sale at 75c

Flannel Shop—Second Floor.

### Sale of White Goods

Hairline-striped Dimities, in a variety of styles. Specially priced at the yard

50c  
Orash Linen—basket weave. The regular 65c quality is now

40c  
Irish Linen Cambric—40 inches wide—suitable for tailored waists and children's dresses. The yard

60c  
All-over-embroidered La Tosca Crepe—45 inches wide, in a pretty floral pattern; the regular \$1.50 quality. Sale price,

the yard \$1  
Bedford Cord Suiting, in a nice medium cord—36 inches wide. Desirable for Palm Beach wear. The yard

40c  
Extra Special—

### Imported English Sea Island Nainsook

36 inches wide and made of the finest cotton. Very special at the yard

30c  
White Goods Shop—Second Floor.

Have Lunch-  
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Tea Room.  
Seventh Floor.

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Olive and Locust from Ninth to Tenth.

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Fiction  
1c a day.  
Circulating Library  
Second Floor.



### New Year's Gifts

In the Gift Shop there is a varied collection of Novelties that are appropriate for New Year's Gifts.

Fine Stationery, Memory Books, Engagement Books, "A Line a Day" Books, Calendars of various kinds, Bridge Sets, Score Pads, Desk Sets and Writing Cases are also nice for gifts.

In the Toilet Goods Shop you will find Party Bags, Perfumes and Toilet Waters, including all of the well-known foreign makes, a nice line of French Ivory Clocks, including a very attractive style with calendar in combination.

Books, too, are among the most acceptable New Year's Gifts and our Book Shop affords a good selection.

### Year-End Sale of Underwear

The Year-End Sale of Underwear includes both Silk and Muslin wear, and there are many desirable garments—some a bit soiled from display and handling, of course, but a trip to the tub will make them as good as new.

\$1.00 Slipover Nightgowns are now 65c  
\$1.50 Slipover Nightgowns are now \$1  
\$1.50 Silk Camisoles, lace trimmed, are now \$1.15  
\$6.00 and \$7.00 Silk Nightgowns, hemstitched or lace trimmed, are now \$4.00  
\$3.95 Silk Envelope Chemises, trimmed with hemstitching or lace, are now \$2.95

A small lot of Drawer Combinations—small sizes, only—will be sold at

Half-Price and Less

Underwear Shop—Third Floor.

### \$18.50 Double-Faced Velvet Portieres for \$14.50

They may be had in all the wanted shades of blue, rose, mulberry, brown, tan and green, and are finished with French edge—2½ yards long. Very special value, \$14.50

Curtain and Drapery Shop—Fourth Floor.



### Wavy Hair Switches on Sale Thursday

A special lot of fine Hair Goods will be placed on sale Thursday at most unusually low prices—prices that should attract every woman in need of a fine Switch of this character.

They are just the thing to improve the appearance of your coiffure and at these prices are extremely desirable.

The Lot Includes All Shades but Gray

18-inch Switches.....\$3.75

20-inch Switches.....\$6.75

22-inch Switches.....\$9.95

We also suggest that you take advantage of your visit to this shop to consult with our experts regarding the most becoming arrangement of your coiffure.

Only competent operators are employed here and the sanitary arrangements are absolutely perfect.

Manicuring, 35c

Facial Massage and Scalp Massage given by skilled operators.

Hair Goods Shop—Third Floor.

## MAN WHO FOUGHT SHERIFF TAKEN TO CITY

Richman Held to Have Fought Sheriff of St. Louis and Was Taken to City Jail. The trouble grew out of the case of Held's sons Sunday afternoon in Brentwood, a neighborhood in St. Louis, when a third boy, who was with the Clayton City Marauders, was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail.

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Held went to Sheriff's Office Sunday, and declared, and the release of his son. He was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail.

## LANDIS FINES LAWYER SAID HE NAMED SON

Lawyer Fined for Naming Son. The trouble grew out of the case of Held's sons Sunday afternoon in Brentwood, a neighborhood in St. Louis, when a third boy, who was with the Clayton City Marauders, was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—On another Attorney Abraham Landis, who had named his son, was fined \$100 for contempt of court. The trouble grew out of the case of Held's sons Sunday afternoon in Brentwood, a neighborhood in St. Louis, when a third boy, who was with the Clayton City Marauders, was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail.

Last week he obtained a judgment on the grounds of contempt of court. The trouble grew out of the case of Held's sons Sunday afternoon in Brentwood, a neighborhood in St. Louis, when a third boy, who was with the Clayton City Marauders, was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail.

With the cry: "It's a boy." "What's all this commotion?" the Judge.

"It's a boy, your honor," answered Rubenstein, "answered Rubenstein, his way to the bench.

Today Judge Landis fined the lawyer \$100 for contempt of court. The trouble grew out of the case of Held's sons Sunday afternoon in Brentwood, a neighborhood in St. Louis, when a third boy, who was with the Clayton City Marauders, was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail.

making good on a ball he signed him to jail until all paid.

Gold Wave Hits Border. The trouble grew out of the case of Held's sons Sunday afternoon in Brentwood, a neighborhood in St. Louis, when a third boy, who was with the Clayton City Marauders, was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail.

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Timbers from the Mexican International bridge were to be used by Mexican soldiers. The trouble grew out of the case of Held's sons Sunday afternoon in Brentwood, a neighborhood in St. Louis, when a third boy, who was with the Clayton City Marauders, was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail. Held was taken to the Clayton City Jail.

on the principal streets of the city.

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# MAN WHO FOUGHT SHERIFF TAKEN TO CITY HOSPITAL

William S. Held, 32, of 1212 Louisville avenue, a watchman, was taken to the city hospital today from the Clayton jail suffering from injuries suffered Monday in a fight with Sheriff Bode of Clayton. Held was out on the head by Bode and he was otherwise bruised by Bode's fists.

The trouble grew out of the arrest of one of Held's sons Sunday on a charge of trespassing in Brentwood. They, in company with a third boy, were arrested by the Clayton City Marshal. Bode released two of the boys on their own bond and would have released the other, one of Held's sons, had not the boy shown resentment at his arrest, the sheriff said.

Held went to Sheriff Bode's home Monday, Bode declared, and demanded the release of his son. He became abusive, Sheriff Bode explained, and was placed under arrest. At the courthouse he attacked the sheriff, and in the fight fell down a flight of stairs. He will be tried Tuesday at Clayton on a charge of disturbing the peace.

# LANDIS FINES LAWYER WHO SAID HE NAMED SON FOR HIM

Business Father of "Kansas Mountain Landis Rubenstein" \$100 and Sends Him to Jail.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—On one excuse and another Attorney Abraham Rubenstein staved off a hearing on a contempt charge before Judge Landis until the judge's patience was about exhausted. Last week he obtained another postponement on the grounds of an interesting domestic event. The next day Rubenstein came breathlessly into court, showing spectators and balliffs astounded with the cry: "It's a boy. It's a boy."

"What's all this commotion?" inquired the judge.

"It's a boy, your honor, and I've named him Kansas Mountain Landis Rubenstein," answered Rubenstein, as he made his way to the bench.

Today Judge Landis fined the father of Kansas Mountain Landis Rubenstein \$100 for contempt of court in not making good on a bail bond, and committed him to jail until all arrears are paid.

He waved his border at El Paso, N. M., Tex., Dec. 27.—Stoves were kept roaring in the tents of the soldiers on this part of the border last night and early today because of a cold wave. Soldiers from the Mexican end of the international bridge were torn away for fuel by Mexican soldiers. Many beggars on the principal streets of Juarez are snowed out.

# ALTON POLICEMAN AND NEGRO WOUNDED IN DUEL

Quarrel Starts Over Alleged Insult to Special Officer's Wife by a Negro Woman.

James Lewis, a special officer of the Alton (Ill.) Police Department, was seriously wounded in a revolver battle last night with James Owens, a negro porter, who also was shot several times. Both were taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where the policeman was said to be in a critical condition.

The trouble grew out of a quarrel earlier in the evening between Lewis and the negro over a woman whom Lewis charged with insulting his wife. Lewis threatened both Owens and the woman with arrest, and then ordered them to go on their way. Owens went home and procured a revolver. He waited in an alley until Lewis and a negro special officer passed by.

Lewis was shot through the body, the right leg and the left arm, his arm being broken. A fourth bullet flattened was shot through the left hand, the left against the star on his breast. Owens' shoulder and right leg.

Prof. Muensterberg Estate \$5000.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 27.—The late Prof. Hugo Muensterberg of Harvard University left an estate of \$5000, according to an appraisal. He died without leaving a will and his widow, Mrs. Selma L. Muensterberg, has filed administration papers.

# In Half an Hour No Constipation, Headache, Biliousness

Tollo Water Gives Quick and Gentle Relief—A Wineglassful in a Glass of Plain Water is Enough.

How long you are going to remain a victim of constipation, and its effects, such as sick headache, pimply, blotchy skin, easily tired, foul breath, biliousness and indigestion is a matter of how soon you start taking Tollo Water.

People who remain indoors don't get enough exercise to keep the bowels regular, must take something to relieve them of their accumulated waste. Avoid harsh drugs that gripe and sicken. Nature has provided relief for just such cases. Take a third of a tumblerful of Tollo Water in a glass of plain water before breakfast, it gives remarkably quick and gentle, yet thorough relief. Its occasional use will keep the bowels regular, the liver active and the stomach in perfect condition.

This wonderful water is found and bottled only at Dawson Springs, Kentucky, but druggists sell it for 15 cents a bottle. You should get a bottle and start taking it today.—ADV.

# FARMERS TO TRY FORMER BROKER

Jury Complete in New Hampshire Murder Case.

OSSEPEE, N. H., Dec. 27.—The jury which will try Frederick L. Small, a former Boston broker, charged with the murder of his wife, Mrs. Florence A. Small, at their home in the village of Mountain View, on Sept. 23, was completed today. Most of the jurors are farmers.

IF YOU WOULD like to wear and own a fine diamond watch or other article of jewelry that will give you an up-to-date, gorgeous appearance, or make handsome holiday presents, take advantage of our Easy Credit Plan and clearance prices. Let us show you the difference.



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Today—while you are thinking of it—open your Mercantile Savings Account with some of your Christmas money.

Your savings with the Mercantile Trust Company gives you U. S. Government protection—The Mercantile Trust Company being a member of the Federal Reserve System.

**Mercantile Trust Company**  
Eighth and Locust

Member Federal Reserve System  
U. S. Government Protection

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# THESE SALES OF OUTER GARMENTS FOR MEN AND WOMEN ARE CREATING GREAT INTEREST

# Women's and Misses' Coats, Suits and Dresses

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# Women's Suits

In the season's latest models of wool velour, gabardine, broadcloths and wool jersey; self and fur trimmed; plain tailored and belted models. Were \$29.50, \$35.00, \$39.50 and \$45.00. NOW.....

**\$22.00**

# Women's Coats

Every wanted material, style and color; some have fur collars and cuffs, others have bands of fur edging on collar and cuffs; others are self and plush trimmed; belted, full flare and semi-belted models. Bolivias, wool velours, knob cloths, sabelines, broadcloth, wool jerseys and mannish materials. Were \$19.50 and \$25.00 now.....

**\$18.75**

# Women's Dresses

Of serge, combination serge and satin, charmeuse and crepe de chine, satin and Georgette crepe collars; straight line and the more conservative waistline effects. Were \$13.50, \$15 and \$16.75.....

**\$7.95**



# Misses' Coats

Wool plush, velour, cheviot, sabeline and melton cloth, in various models; plain and fur trimmed; sizes 14, 16 and 18. Were \$19.50 and \$25.00, now.....

**\$14.50**

# Misses' Coats

Bolivia, wool velour, broadcloth and plush; full flare and belted models, silk lined; large convertible collars, self or fur trimmed; sizes 14, 16 and 18. Were \$45, \$39.50, \$35 and \$29.50; now.....

**\$22.00**

# Misses' Suits

Plain and checked velours, broadcloths and velveteens; fur-trimmed or plain tailored models. Sizes 14, 16 and 18. Were \$45, \$39.50 and \$35; now.....

**\$22.00**

# Save Money on Garments in This Sale Downstairs

Here you will find garments that we considered remarkable bargains at the original price in the beginning of the season—still, for this sale, further reductions have been made and many money-saving opportunities await you.



# Dresses

Serge and silk, pleated and waist line effects; some wool embroidery trimmed. Georgette collars and sleeves; others trimmed with white satin collars and cuffs; colors are navy blue, brown and green; all sizes; were \$9.75, \$10.00 and \$12.75; now.....

**\$9.50**

# Suits

Velour, gabardine and men's wear serge; silk lined; pleated, belted, Norfolk and semi-tailored models; large and small tailored collars; some plain, others velvet and fur trimmed; colors of navy blue, nigger brown, Copenhagen blue, green and black; sizes 16 to 44, including stouts; now.....

**\$10.00**

# Coats

Belted and full flare models, large convertible collars, cuffs and pockets; sabeline, mixtures and wool plush; fur trimmed; some full lined; now.....

**\$9.75**

(Downstairs.)

# Men! Do You Know What This Sale Means to You?

# Choice of the House Sale

It means that you can go through our entire superb stock of Men's High-Grade Clothing and make your own selection. We reserve only Fur-Lined and Fur Overcoats and Alfred Benjamin Clothes. All other makes, including the best of Custom-Made Clothes, are included.

This certainly is a different sale, from the fact that you are not confined to one particular lot of clothes at the price, but your free and unrestricted choice, with the above mentioned exceptions.

# The Biggest Clothing Event of the Year

Nothing reserved except fur collar and fur-lined Overcoats and the Alfred Benjamin line. Every other Suit, Overcoat, Full-Dress Suit, Tuxedo and Prince Albert in our superb stock goes at the one price—

# Any Suit or Overcoat



**The Suits** Fine blue, serges, fine silk mixtures, worsteds, chevots, fancy cassimeres, tweeds, black unfinished worsteds, imported worsteds, plain and novelty materials—in fact, every wanted fabric known on the market today. For street, dress or business wear.

**The Overcoats** Heavy winter-weight materials, dark Oxford, black and fancy fabrics; many are one-half silk lined; every garment is strictly hand tailored and bears all the earmarks of high-class custom tailoring.

**The Models** This season's very latest, including plenty of pinch-backs, single and double breasted effects; also the conservative models for the conservative man in the new ulster pinch-back, alsterettes, etc.

E. NUGENT & BRO. DRY GOODS CO., Broadway, Washington Av. and St. Charles St.

<b>KEEN KLEENER</b>	An excellent scouring powder. Put up by the makers of Old Dutch. Usual size can.	<b>10 FOR 25c</b>	<b>CRYSTAL WHITE SOAP</b>	A wonderful laundry soap: will clean the most delicate fabric; a big value. Special.	<b>7 BARS 25c</b>
<b>BLUING</b> Royal concern. 7c	<b>AMMONIA</b> Avondale; treated bottle. 5c	<b>BROOMS</b> Four-sew; strong; durable; each.	<b>33c</b>	<b>MOPS</b> 16-oz. cotton; each.	<b>24c</b>
<b>Burnishine</b> The best metal polish; can. 10c	<b>SWEET HEART Soap</b> size bars 4 for 15c	<b>SWISS Talcum Powder</b> scented. 3 Cans 14c	<b>HEART</b>	<b>Spotless or Kitchen special.</b>	<b>3 Cans 10c</b>
<b>Sani-Flush</b> Per can. 20c	<b>C-N-N</b> The general deodorizer; small bottle. 9c	<b>Large bottle. 23c</b>	<b>Sunbright Cleanser</b>		

<b>CHILE BEANS</b> Calif. 3 Lbs. 29c	<b>HOLLAND HERRING</b> 3 for 10c
<b>X. L. C. R. STRIP FISH</b> Per 12c	<b>Smoked Bloater's</b> Good quality. 2 for 5c
<b>Cove Oysters</b> Country Club 3 for 25c	

<b>SALMON</b> 4 c. c. pink Alaska fish of good quality and flavor; tall tin. 12c	<b>DEFENDERS</b> Red Alaska; tall tin. 15c	<b>IMPORTED SARDINES</b> Fancy Ball; smoked Norwegian; in pure olive oil. 15c	<b>Beaumont</b> rhand; in tomato sauce. 12c	<b>Deat Race</b> Portuguese; in olive oil. 25c
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<b>FRESH CALIFORNIA SHOULDERS</b>	<b>RIB OR LOIN</b>	<b>PORK ROAST</b>
Best U. S. inspected. Cut from corn fed pigs; closely trimmed and a wonderful value; per pound.....	12c	14c

<b>Small STEAKS</b> per lb. 15c	<b>CHUCK STEAK</b> Prime. 15c	<b>BRISKET</b> per lb. 10c	<b>FRESH-GROUND HAMBURGER</b> per lb. 12c
<b>Fresh Spareribs</b> Plenty of 12c	<b>Short Ribs</b> Of Beef. 12c	<b>NECK</b> Per lb. 5c	<b>CORNEED BEEF</b> lb. 10c
<b>PORK SHOULDERS</b> per lb. 12c		<b>PORK SHOULDERS</b> per lb. 12c	

<b>CORN</b> Chilton; nice, sweet, tender; No. 2 can. 10c	<b>PEAS</b> Price; sifted; Early June; No. 2 can. 10c	<b>TOMATOES</b> Solid packed, rich red ripe; good quality; No. 2 can. 10c	<b>Asparagus</b> Chilton; medium green spears; tall can. 10c	<b>BEETS</b> Lazarre; good quality; cut, big No. 3 can. 10c	<b>SWEET POTATOES</b> Twilight; dry packed; preferred by many to the fresh; No. 3 can. 10c
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<b>HOMINY</b> Good quality; No. 2 can. 6c	<b>LIMA BEANS</b> C. C. small; No. 2 can. 15c	<b>MIXED VEGETABLES</b> Ready for instant cooking; No. 2 can. 11c	<b>RED BEANS</b> Boone Community; No. 2 can. 10c
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<b>ORANGES</b> 176 Size, 22c	<b>GRAPEFRUIT</b> 64 Size 5c	<b>54 Size 6c</b>
<b>APPLES</b> Fancy. 50c	<b>Per Box \$1.85</b>	<b>TURNIPS</b> 18c
<b>Black Walnuts</b> Good quality; per lb. 3c		

<b>MACARONI OR SPAGHETTI</b> Nourishing, wholesome, economical; per pound. 9c	<b>BRICK CHEESE</b> Made from finest Wisconsin cream; per pound. 28c
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<b>Country Club FLOUR</b> 98 Lb. \$4.40	<b>48 Lb. \$2.20</b>
<b>PANCAKE FLOUR</b> 9c	<b>KARO</b> 10c
<b>VELVA</b> or Brew Hebbel; pure New Orleans Molasses; can. 10c	<b>Log Cabin Syrup</b> Indiv. 9c
<b>Apple Butter</b> C. C. pure, rich; 14-oz. jar. 12c	<b>Apple Jelly</b> C. C. absolutely pure; tumbler. 9c
<b>STRAWBERRY PRESERVES</b> 14-oz. jar. 23c	

<b>TOMATO SOUP</b> Sutter's, pure, rich, wholesome, and appetizing addition to any meal; small cans. 3:25c	<b>Country Club SPAGHETTI</b> Ready to serve. Cooked up in tomato sauce and finest cheese; No. 2 cans. 10c
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<b>BREAD</b> Have you ever used this bread in your home? You should. It is a wonderful value and see what a wonderful value it is being offered. Baked under strictest sanitary conditions. For loaf.....	<b>PET BRAND OLEO</b> 20c	<b>BLUE ROSE RICE</b> 5c
<b>MILK BREAD</b> A great treat for..... 8c		

<b>MAZOLA COOK-OIL</b> Made from corn. Pint can. 22c	<b>QUART 40c</b>
<b>SALAD DRESSING</b> Country Club, pure. 8c	<b>Large bottle 22c</b>
<b>PIMENTOS</b> Add a rich piquant flavor to salads. 4-oz. jar. 10c	<b>MUSTARD</b> Quart. 10c
<b>Sweet Pickles</b> Firm, spicy. 5c	<b>Dill Pickles</b> Solid snap; dozen. 12c
<b>RELISH</b> Avondale. 9c	<b>Cider Vinegar</b> 10c

<b>COUNTRY OLIVE OIL</b> Absolutely pure, for table as well as medicinal use; pint can. 37c	<b>QUART 69c</b>	<b>OLIVES</b> C. C. good quality; tumbler. 10c
		<b>Queen's tumbler. 12c</b>

<b>KROGER'S 8c</b>	<b>QUALITY STORES</b>
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## 15,000 PUPILS ON A STRIKE

Scranton Children Demanded Christmas Vacation of a Week.  
Scranton, Pa., Dec. 27.—As their answer to the board's decision in not granting a Christmas vacation of one week, 15,000 pupils of the 22,000 enrolled in the public schools of this city, remained away from school yesterday.

Students from central and technical high schools marched through the city yelling, "We want a vacation," and at intermission period at both institutions the strikers managed to reduce several hundred others to strike.

**THURSDAY IS MAGNET DAY AT THE Schaper**  
6th & Washington  
THESE VALUES SHOULD DRAW YOU HERE TOMORROW

**UNION SUITS**  
Children's fleeced Union Suits; regular 29c value; special (Main Floor)..... **12½c**

**\$1 UNION SUITS**  
Men's; good heavy weight; ribbed neck; closed crotch; an extra good value; all sizes; special (Main Floor)..... **54c**

**25c WOOL HOSE**  
For women; double gray heels and toes; all sizes (Main Floor)..... **12½c**

**35c PETTICOATS**  
Flannelette; solid color; special lot at (Second Floor)..... **14c**

**\$1.00 KIMONAS**  
Flannelette; floral patterns; sample lot; to clean up at (Second Floor)..... **48c**

**LACES UP TO 20c**  
Torchon, Cluny, Filet and other heavy Laces; up to 10 inches wide; splendid for curtains, table runners, etc.; yd. (Main Floor)..... **7½c**

**50c LINOLEUM**  
A very special lot of heavy grade, all new patterns; special lot only (2d Fl.)..... **27c**

**\$1.00 RAG RUGS**  
Extra Special, 100 only at this extreme low price; (Third Floor) only..... **55c**

**WINDOW SHADES**  
All colors, full size; on guaranteed rollers; 40c value; (3d Floor) each..... **19c**

**Boys' Rain Outfits**  
Dark tan and salt and pepper; raincoats, collared, raincoats, rain hats and school bags; special (Third Fl.)..... **\$2.29**

**BUTCHER'S LINEN**  
For fancy work; window shades and children's wear; good quality; remnants; yard (Main Floor)..... **6c**

**COATS' CROCHET**  
Unmercenary Crochet Cotton; white, 6 to 10 and extra 40 to 60; special lot (Main Floor)..... **3½c**

**SILK SAMPLES**  
Up to 1100 yds.; satins, silks; women's sample lengths; 5 to 1 yard long; each (Main Floor)..... **15c**

**\$1.50 COMFORTS**  
Good, heavy quilted Comforts; good size; special for Thursday (Basement)..... **59c**

**10c GINGHAMS**  
Plain, checked and striped Dress Gingham; right off the bolt; special 7d. (Basement)..... **5c**

**WORK SHIRTS**  
Men's 50c blue chambray shirts; of good quality; in all sizes (Basement)..... **25c**

**Coal Hods**  
Heavily galvanized iron; Thursday special..... **29c**

**FELT MATTRESS**  
High-grade art floor; all ticking; boxed edges; all sizes; 50 value; Thursday only..... **\$3.94**

**\$5 Dinner Sets**  
Pretty and elegant; 4 or 6 place; set, special..... **\$3.98**

## MOLLMAN TO CLOSE ONLY 75 EAST ST. LOUIS SALOONS

Given Councilmen No Reason for Changing Previous Estimate—125 Higher License Proposed.  
Mayor Molman of East St. Louis, who announced at a meeting of the City Council Dec. 26 that he would close 125 saloons Jan. 1 because they are operated by aliens and by undesirable, told the Councilmen in the secret caucus preceding the regular meeting last night, that the number to be closed would be about 75, according to a Councilman who was present. The Mayor gave no reason for changing the number, he said.

Councilmen friendly to Molman at the caucus urged an annual saloon license fee of \$70 instead of \$50, and a limit of 250 saloons. Ten of the 15 Councilmen opposed it, and it was not mentioned at the meeting.

## BANKRUPTCY PETITION FILED AGAINST SHENANDOAH THEATER

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the United States District Court yesterday against the Shenandoah Theater Co., by three film companies and two newspapers, listing claims aggregating \$79,28. The theater company quit the operation of its theater at Grand and Shenandoah avenue three weeks ago and performances are now being given there under the management of Louis A. Cella and Frank R. Tate, owners of downtown theaters.

The property is mortgaged for \$15,650 and has been advertised for sale Jan. 10. In foreclosure proceedings, which will also extend to the Park Theater at Delmar boulevard and Hamilton avenues.

The creditors of the Shenandoah company say the company committed an act of bankruptcy in the payment to the Southern Commercial and Savings Bank of \$1,232.92 in taking up some of its notes.

The petitioning creditors and the amounts of their claims are the World Film Corporation, \$60,98; International Film Corporation, \$44,66; Union Electric Light and Power Co., \$11,12; St. Louis Star, \$4,50; and The Republic, \$68.

## MADAME DE THEBES, FAMOUS AS ASTROLOGIST, DIES AT 72

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Mme. de Thebes 72 years old, famous as an astrologist and clairvoyant, died Sunday at her country residence in Meung-sur-Loire. Her real name was Anna Victorine Savigny.

She possessed innumerable secrets concerning the private lives of men and women of note.

In April, 1901, Mme. de Thebes attracted the attention of Emperor William of Germany and he summoned her to Berlin, where he had half an hour's interview with her. She told him that Prussia would rise against him, led by a Republican and a Socialist, on the first pretext. Finally, she predicted that the Kaiser would die alone and deserted in England 38 years after the date of the interview.

In January, 1905, Mme. de Thebes warned President Roosevelt against the American negroes. The Brownsville affair occurred some months later. She predicted that the people of the United States would enter a "period of misfortune" during 1907.

## WIDOW SUES FOR BIG ESTATE

Action for \$600,000, Alleges Undue Influence by Late Husband.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Stella Anna Pringle, widow of Alexander Young Pringle, who killed her only \$50,000 of the \$600,000 he inherited from his father, James W. Pringle, yesterday opposed probate of the will, alleging undue influence. Mrs. Pringle asks for the estate.

Legatees besides the widow were: Mrs. Ethel Crane, his housekeeper, a choir and concert singer, \$20,000; Ethel Marshall, \$25,000; Mrs. Bella K. Rhine, \$10,000; Mrs. Hester A. Booth, the residue, alleged to exceed \$400,000. Mrs. Rhine is a sister of Mrs. Booth, and Ethel Marshall is a daughter of Mrs. Rhine.

Undue influence is charged against the four beneficiaries. Pringle's nurse, a negro, Mrs. Pringle separated from him several years ago.

## JOINT SESSION OF SCHOLARS

Archaeological and Philological Societies Meet Tonight.

A joint session of the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philological Association will be held this evening at the Buckingham Hotel, with Prof. F. W. Shipley of Washington University, president of the Archaeological Institute, presiding. Acting Chancellor Hall of Washington University and Public Librarian Bowditch, president and vice president of the St. Louis society of the institute, will make brief addresses.

Prof. Carl Darling Buck of the University of Chicago, president of the Philological Association, will deliver the annual address, "Comparative Philology and the Classics" being his subject. The convention will be in session four days, mostly at Washington University.

Many Persons Joining American Trust Christmas Banking Club.

The American Trust Co. has formed a Christmas banking club to teach the benefits of saving. Each member may deposit a nickel the first week, a dime the second week, and keep on increasing the deposit a nickel each week, or a start may be made with a dime and the deposit increased 10 cents each week. On the nickel plan the total for 50 weeks will be \$25.75 and on the dime plan \$127.50. Many members have been received. An initial deposit of a nickel or dime is all that is required to become a member. Some have made their payments several months ahead and some have opened regular banking accounts. Children are encouraged to join by depositing a penny or two pennies and increasing the deposit correspondingly each week. While families will be taught to save by joining the club, there is provision also for members to pay 50 cents or \$1 a week, without increasing from week to week. Every year of life is represented in the club.

## JAPANESE DIET HEARS EMPEROR

Alliance With Britain, Convention With France, Stresses, He Says.  
TOKIO, Dec. 27.—The Diet was opened today by the Emperor, who, in his address from the throne, declared that the alliance with Great Britain and the convention with France were becoming stronger and called attention also to the new convention with Russia, which he termed a matter for congratulation. The Emperor explained that he had ordered the Ministers to draft bills necessary for the development of the country, "keeping in mind the world situation," and asked the Diet to co-operate in passing these measures. The House was adjourned to Jan. 21.

EVERY YOUNG GIRL wants a Brocade Watch, Solid gold, Full jeweled, guaranteed Brocade Watch at \$2.00 a month. Let's Bros. & Co., 24 floor, No. 8, Sixth St.

Woman's Ring Diamonds Cost. Mrs. Theresa Goldman, 5511 Calhoun avenue, has reported the loss of two diamond rings she hung above the kitchen sink and another she left on a dresser in her room. The three rings were valued at \$600.

## STEAMER MARYLAND IS MISSING

Sent Wireless Monday Night That She Was Missing.  
NANTUCKET, Mass., Dec. 27.—The steamer Maryland, which reported by wireless Monday night that she was missing, had not been found today. The coast guard cutters Acushnet and Gretna, which had proceeded from Woods Hole and Boston, respectively, to the position approximately 30 miles southeast of this island where the Maryland sounded her distress calls, sent word this morning that they had found no trace of the steamer.

Naval Tug Rams Battleship. NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 27.—The battleship Delaware was rammed and a hole three feet in diameter was stove in her stern above the water line by the naval tug Sonoma; at the navy yard here yesterday. No one was injured. The Sonoma's bow was badly damaged.

Chaps Whose Skin Chaps. Find Dr. Jack's Toilet Cream soothing; 25c, 50c bottles—all druggists, or Walcott's, 9th and Pine.

St. Canine and Quarrel. BROWNVILLE, Tex., Dec. 27.—Private John Macneil, D. Battery, First Minnesota Artillery, is held here in connection with the killing at Llano Grande. Wednesday of Private John Natchez of B Battery. Natchez was shot in a quarrel for possession of a during a gambling game.

Skull Fractured by Street Car. Morris Lowenstein, 56 years old, of 1131 Nicholson place, was struck by a La-cade car at Eleventh and Market streets, last evening. His skull was fractured.

Convict Attends Third Funeral in St. Louis. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—d. Forbrad, a 10-year convict, yesterday was released from prison on his promise to return after the funeral of his father at Dell Rapids, S. D. Forbrad was released Dec. 1 to attend his father's funeral and again on Dec. 2 to attend the funeral of his brother.

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606-608 Washington, Thru to Sixth

**After-Christmas Sale**

Thursday

**Choice of Any Suit!**  
(New Spring Suits Excepted)  
Values \$55, \$65 and \$75, at  
**\$25**

Our Finest Velvets, as Well as  
Velours — Broadcloths — Gabardines  
Fur-Trimmed or Plain Suits; Tailor ed, Semi-Fitted and Flaring Models.  
A Variety of Sizes and Colors.

A Specially Attractive Sale of

**Winter Coats**  
Regular \$20 Velour and Other Cloth Coats at  
**\$10**

Coats Up to \$25  
Including seal plushes, Egyptian Velours and cloth Coats; special at **\$17.50**

\$35 Coats  
Of Bolivia, besides other cloth and cloth Coats..... **\$19.75**

**Dance and Afternoon Frocks**  
Regular \$30, \$35 and \$45 Dresses  
**\$21.50**

Satins Tulle Charmeuse  
\$15 and \$17.50 Dresses of silk and serge **\$7.95**  
\$25 Advance Spring Dresses **\$17.50**

**Underwear**  
Specially Priced  
**\$2.95 and \$3.95 Gowns**  
Some are embroidered, others are lace-trimmed, all are very unusual at  
**\$1.95**

Chemise and Gowns  
Some are the Slip-Over effects, others the button; either lace or embroidery trimmed.  
**\$1.00**

A Special Sale of  
**Georgette Waists**  
Values Up to \$5.95  
These pretty Waists are most attractively made in all sizes and colors; besides embodying all new effects. Specially priced at  
**\$3.15**

**Skirt Sale**  
Two Unusual Groups  
**\$7.50 Skirts**  
Including Poplins, Serges, Gabardines and Novelty Plaids, some have the yoke with gathered back, others are box-plaied. Specially priced at  
**\$2.95**

Skirts Up to \$8.95  
A most attractive lot in wanted materials, colors and styles. Exceptional at  
**\$4.50**

**DOUBLE EAGLE STAMP**  
2 for 1 2 for 1  
Thursday is DOUBLE EAGLE STAMP DAY at Post-Dispatch, when two of the valuable Eagle Stamp will be given instead of the usual one.

ST. LOUIS BARGAIN CENTER  
**Penny's**  
BROADWAY & MORGAN ST.

**\$13.98 WINTER COATS**  
Sweater warm Winter Coats in many different styles; either belted or full length. Fur-trimmed, knee-length, and novelty mixtures come in black and colors; a great bargain lot for Thursday at **\$8.75**

**Girls' \$4.98 Coats**  
Elegant warm Winter Coats of all colors, fancy cloaking materials and mixtures, some lined throughout; Thursday... **\$2.98**

**\$1.50 Flannelette House Dresses**  
Made of fast colored flannelette in neat stripes and checks; sizes 36 to 44 bust; Thursday at **98c**

**Velvet Plush and Felt Shapes**  
Here is a chance to get a Hat to finish the season with black and colors..... **39c**

**Cap and Scarf Sets**  
Genuine Angora wool; scratches to many sizes; head comes in white and rose; regular 50c value..... **50c**

**\$5 Tapestry Covers**  
Very heavy, 60 in. square; able for round or square tables; special prices for Thursday..... **\$2.98**

**75c Bath Towels**  
Extra heavy, bleached Turkish blue and pink borders; they are second, but the imperfections are very slight; Thursday..... **42c**

**Women's High and Low Shoes**  
Just for two hours, 9 a. m. to 11 a. m.  
1000 pairs of Women's \$2.99 and \$3.50 High and Low Shoes in one big lot tomorrow at less than the cost of having your old ones repaired. These are accumulations of odd and ends and factory rejects and by far the greatest bargain offered for many months. To keep dealers away we limit the sale to three pairs to a customer. Note sent C. O. D. or exchanged.

**50c**

**WASH GOODS**  
8½c Apron Gingham off the bolt; in all staple checks; yd..... **5½c**  
10c Comforter Calicoes; full line of choice patterns..... **7½c**  
19c Pongees; mostly in dark colors; silk finished..... **10c**  
15c Dress Percales; 36 inches wide; special..... **11c**  
39c Mercerized Poplins; some are 36 inches wide..... **25c**

**\$1.39 Black Silks**  
Taffeta, Messaline and Satin Duchesse; for skirt, blouse and dresses..... **\$1.19**

**\$1.35 Storm Serges**  
45 inches wide; all pure worsted color; navy blue; medium weight and weight..... **\$1.10**

**59c Wool Serges**  
45 inches wide; Hamilton Wool Serges; mostly all shades and good lengths; plenty of blue and navy blue; special Thursday at per yard..... **39c**

**Children's 65c Union Suits**  
White and cream, medium and heavy weight; our regular 65c value; Thursday for..... **49c**

**Men's Union Suits**  
In 3 weights; light, medium and heavy; all sizes; closed crotch; \$1.50 value..... **97c**

**Men's 39c Wool Sox**  
Heavy gray and blue all-wool Sox; our regular 39c value; Thursday per pair..... **25c**

**Women's Union Suits**  
Heavy ribbed white Union Suits; good quality; 90c value; Thursday only..... **55c**

**Men's Sweaters at About 33½% Off**  
**\$1.95 SWEATERS, \$1.30**  
**\$2.25 SWEATERS, \$1.49**  
**\$3.00 SWEATERS, \$1.79**

**LINOLEUMS**  
FOUR YARDS WIDE  
On display one solid car of mill remnant of finest 50c quality genuine Cork Linoleum; 36 inches wide; lengths of 10 to 10 square yards; large assortment; special square yard, 40c and..... **39c**

**TWO YARDS WIDE**  
Choice selection of extra heavy quality Felt Linoleum, cut from roll; as many yards as desired; square yard..... **29c**

**BRASSIERES**  
Of extra good quality cambric; neatly trimmed back and front with heavy embroidery; choice of either front or button back style; sizes 36 to 44; choice..... **25c**

**Envelope Chemise**  
Good quality material; daintily trimmed with yokes of embroidery; a n d lace; all sizes to 44; choice..... **49c**

**45c Window Shades**  
Opaque Cloth Window Shades, 36 inches wide; mounted on good rollers; regular price 45c; on sale Thursday..... **25c**

**Notion Specials**  
10c to 25c Button Cords  
5c Newell Sewing Silk  
25c West Electric Size Curlew  
Washington Pins (400 count)  
5c Hair Net; all shades; Permanent Dressing Cream..... **3 for**



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last evening caused damage estimated  
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and that of the Western Manufactur-  
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\$1000. The building, owned by Wil-  
liam Walters, was damaged about \$2000.  
The cause of the fire was not determined.

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Previously acknowledged \$9745.50  
Grand total today \$9873.50  
Jeanette V. Gardner 10.00  
Dr. William Bartlett 5.00  
Wells M. Hildgett 5.00  
Hustler Furniture Co. 5.00  
Paul Hartman 5.00  
A. Shank 5.00  
Sam S. Grandinick 1.00  
Jacob Lampert 1.00  
D. P. Crowder 1.00  
W. H. Jungkum 1.00  
Cash 25.00  
Total \$100.00

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DOND and William Crowell, who were yesterday, have gone to the city. The ceremony, at the home of 20 North King's, W. C. Biting, pastor of St. Church, officiated only immediately.

Flora, boulevard, to Rudolph. A. H. was announced last evening at a dinner given by Mrs. George A. Meyer, aunt of Miss Cramer.

Miss Cramer, a graduate of Mary Institute, a member of the Morning Choral Society, and formerly was a member of the choir of St. Peter's Church. Kasting is secretary and treasurer of a rubber company. A date for the wedding has not been fixed.

The First Infantry's Officers Club will hold a watch party on New Year's eve at the Armory, Manchester and Grand avenues. Invitations have been sent to members of the Governor's staff, and to present and former officers of the army and navy.

Mrs. William H. Cooke and Mrs. March F. Chase have sent out cards for a dance Jan. 10, in honor of Miss July Collins, at the West Pine boulevard home which Mr. and Mrs. Cooke recently purchased from Mrs. Edward L. Freer.

At an informal tea given yesterday afternoon by Miss Sallie Player of Maple avenue, announcement was made of the engagement of Miss Adelaide La Beaume to Edward Cheronbonier of Ferguson.

Miss La Beaume is the daughter of Edmund W. La Beaume of Westminster place and is a graduate of Mary Institute. The marriage will be in the spring.

At the Woman's Club last evening Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bailey of West Pine boulevard entertained with a dance for their daughter, Miss Carolyn.

**WANT GRADE CROSSING ON GOODFELLOW AVENUE ABOLISHED**

Property Owners Near Natural Bridge Avenue to Ask City to Force Removal to Elevate Tracks.

Residents and property owners in the vicinity of Goodfellow avenue and Natural Bridge road are preparing to ask the city to take steps to eliminate a grade crossing of the Terminal Railroad tracks at Goodfellow avenue, at a point about 100 feet south of Natural Bridge road.

George W. Funk, president of the George W. Funk Lumber Co., 5700 Natural Bridge road, one of those seeking to have the grade crossing abolished, said today that Goodfellow avenue is coming to be a much used thoroughfare. The Terminal tracks crossing it are at the apex of an elevation. It is the idea of those urging the abolition of the grade crossing that the city should lower the street, running it under the tracks, and that the Terminal should build a substantial viaduct. Funk estimated that this would not cost more than \$10,000.

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**DWIGHT F. DAVIS ENGAGED BY ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION**

Former Park Commissioner to Do War Relief Work in Belgium.

Dispatches from New York state that the impending voyage of Dwight F. Davis of 18 Portland place, former Park Commissioner, to Europe, is in the interest of the Rockefeller Foundation, in its plans for the relief of war prisoners and civilians in detention camps in the belligerent countries. This will require negotiation with the different Governments, and certain agreements between them as to the degree of relief to be authorized.

As was announced several days ago, Davis will sail from New York Jan. 6 for Sweden. He has refused to say anything about his plans, saying the arrangements made by him were of a confidential nature.

**"ACTOIDS" ACT ACTIVELY. BEST FOR WINTER COLDS.**

**URIEL L. CLARK DIES AT 62**

Lumberman Suffered Apoplectic Stroke 3 Years Ago at Dance.

Uriel L. Clark, 62 years old, of 23 Portland place, wealthy lumberman, died last night at his home. He had been ill two years. He suffered a stroke of apoplexy when dancing at the St. Louis Club in January, 1914.

Clark entered the lumber business at Hunter's Creek, Mich., his birthplace, in 1876, with his father. He came to St. Louis in 1896 and organized the De Witt Lumber Co. He was interested also in mining properties. His body will be taken to Hunter's Creek, where the family maintains a summer residence, for burial. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Lillian.

Won't you kindly complete your Post-Dispatch Christmas Festival list and send it to this Post-Dispatch?

Dropped to Death by Runaway Team, SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 27.—Three months after his pardon by Gov. Major from a three-year term in the penitentiary for felonious assault, that he might return home to take care of his nine destitute children, John Davis was dragged to death by a runaway team on his farm near Galena, Stone County, yesterday.

## IN OUR AFTER-XMAS APPAREL SALE WE OFFER CHOICE OF OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF SUITS

FOR WOMEN AND MISSES FOR \$25.00



This includes every Suit in our entire superb stock except only those in the French room. Regular and extra sizes in a wealth of captivating styles; of wool velour, broadcloth, serges, gabardine, velour checks and plaids. Many have collars and cuffs of fur, others edged with fur, some with velvet or plush. In black and the correct shades. It certainly is a wonderful suit-buying opportunity, which you should profit by.

**\$25.00**



Women's and Misses' Dresses  
Originally Priced to \$22.75  
In This Sale **\$12.65**

For street, afternoon and evening wear; most of them are frocks for dance, party and theater; in many dainty styles. The Evening Dresses are of crepe de chine and taffeta with lace or net bodices in the correct evening shades. The Afternoon Dresses are of serge, satin or taffeta.

Women's and Misses' Coats  
Originally \$32.50 to \$39.75  
In This Sale **\$23.00**

Styles of the moment, of wool velour and broadcloth; lined with satin, also interlined; large square and round collars and cuffs of velvet and plush; some have fur collars or edging of fur.

Women's and Misses' Plush Coats  
Originally Priced to \$35.00  
In This Sale **\$23**

Of good quality black plush, mostly full-flare effects, some and full belted styles; satin lined throughout; some have entire collars of fur, others edged with fur; have unusually large collars and deep cuffs; all sizes.

Women's Bolivia Coats, originally \$45 to \$59.75, for \$29.50.  
Women's Exclusive Coats, originally \$69.75 to \$75, for \$40.  
Women's and Misses' Coats, originally priced to \$24.75, for \$15.00.  
Women's and Misses' Coats, originally priced to \$17.00, for \$10.00.  
Women's Evening Gowns, originally \$50.00 to \$85.00, for \$38.50.  
Women's and Misses' Dresses, originally \$45.00 to \$59.75, for \$29.50.

Women's and Misses' Dresses, originally priced to \$35.00, for \$20.00.  
Women's and Misses' Dresses, originally priced to \$35.00, for \$15.00.  
Women's and Misses' Dresses, originally priced to \$18.75, for \$9.75.  
Women's and Misses' Skirts, originally \$39.75, for \$15.00.  
Women's and Misses' Skirts, originally \$7.50 to \$10.00, for \$6.55.  
Women's and Misses' Skirts, originally \$10.00 to \$15.00, for \$8.95.

### Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Mackinaws

Usual \$5.00 Qualities for **\$3.85**

Included are boys' Combination Suits, Regulation Norfolk Suits of all-wool fabrics, heavy School Overcoats for larger boys, chinchilla and Fancy Overcoats for the little fellows, also Mackinaws with large shawl collar, and in the newest plaids.

### NEW YEAR CARDS 10c Doz. to 25c Each

The sending of New Year Cards is a custom that is growing in popularity with every year. You, too, will surely want to remember your friends in this way. We have a complete and varied assortment for your choosing, from the simple post cards to the elaborately engraved cards in tissue-lined envelopes.

### AGAIN THURSDAY YOU CAN BENEFIT BY OUR ANNUAL AFTER-CHRISTMAS SILK SALE

There are thousands of yards of fashionable and reliable fabrics in the most desirable weaves, patterns and colorings offered in this sale at very substantial savings, as indicated by the following, which is just an index to scores of other items equally important, that this sale presents:

- \$1.25 Fancy Silks, 98c**  
Neat broken checks and plaids; of yard-wide Louisiana and taffeta, in medium and dark colors.
- \$1.35 40-In. Messaline, \$1.10**  
Good quality, soft, satin-faced plain 40-inch Messaline; only a few colors.
- 75c Shirting Silks, 59c**  
Washable silk and linen Shirting; 32 inches wide; neat colored stripes on white; fast colors.
- \$1.75 Colored Velveteens, \$1.39**  
Imported Clifton Dress Velveteen; 27 inches wide; black and the good colors.
- \$1.00 Black Velvet, 79c**  
Shaggy Black Silk Trimming Velvet.
- \$2.00 Black Velvet, \$1.39**  
For Millinery or Trimming, rich Black Silk Velvet, 24 inches wide.
- \$2.00 Black Matelasse, 98c**  
Heavy all-silk Crepe Matelasse, in black brocades, 40 inches wide.
- \$1.19 Plaid Silks, 95c**  
Beautiful combinations of rich light colors of satin plaid Chiffon Taffeta.
- \$3.98 Manchester Velveteen, \$2.79**  
Our best imported, 44-inch silk, soft, plush finish, non-crush Velveteen; black and colors.
- \$1.59 Silk Poplins, \$1.19**  
One of the best wearing staple dress fabrics; heavy, soft and bright; 40-inch; black and colored Poplins.
- \$1.25 Silk Poplins, 89c**  
Not all shades and no black, but several good colors, with plenty of the popular navy blue; 40 inches wide.
- \$2.50 Heavy Pongee, \$1.85**  
Very heavy imported pure silk in color, hand loom, 32-inch Pongee.
- \$1.75 Striped Taffeta, \$1.19**  
Beautiful, rich, satin-striped Taffeta, 36 inches wide, in light colors.
- \$3.50 Black Satin, \$2.75**  
Rich, heavy, extra wide, perfect black, 44-inch Satin Duchesse, for coats, suits or dresses.
- \$2.00 Pongee Silk, \$1.00**  
Very heavy yard-wide tan Pongee Silk, with flakes of color shot through.
- \$2.50 Black Poplin, \$1.45**  
Extra heavy, round, even thread, 40-inch, perfect black Poplin.
- \$1.25 Kimono Satin, 85c**  
Beautiful, large Oriental floral and fancy-bordered styles of all-silk Cheney's Satin.
- \$1.25 Black Messaline, 95c**  
Standard quality, full yard wide, good satin finish black Messaline.
- \$1.00 Checked Poplin, 79c**  
Splendid wearing, yard wide, black and white checked Poplin.
- \$2.50 Dress Satin, \$1.98**  
Rich, heavy, soft, plain Dress Satin, 44 inches wide; navy, Belgian and African brown.
- \$1.25 Striped Poplin, 95c**  
White, with woven colored satin stripes; 32 inches wide; will launder.
- \$1.98 Black Satin, \$1.59**  
Staple, soft finish, medium weight, 40-inch black Satin; dresses, separate skirts or waist.

**After each meal and at bedtime take a tablespoonful of the following home-made medicine used all over the United States and noted for its remarkable results. Relief begins after first dose:**  
Syrup of Sarsaparilla ..... 1 ounce  
Tera Compound ..... 1 ounce  
Simple Elixir ..... 1 pint  
This formula formerly called for whiskey, but the simple elixir is very much better.

**To End Coughs**  
The following formula, easily mixed at home, makes one of the quickest cough remedies obtainable, often curing the worst cough in a day. Take a teaspoonful as often as necessary:  
Glycerine ..... 3 ounces  
Syrup of Marshmallows ..... 1/2 pint  
Globe Pine Compound Aromatic ..... 1/4 ounce  
("Concentrated Pine")  
The sugar syrup is made by dissolving six heaping tablespoonfuls of granulated sugar in 1/2 cup of water. Be sure to use Globe Pine Compound, which is sold only in 1/2-oz. screw-top cases with Aromatic printed in red on outside.

**Frost-Bites, Corns, Sore Feet**  
Bathe the feet in warm water, to which has been added two tablespoonfuls of Calabdo compound. This gives instant relief for aching, burning or perspiring feet; corns, chaps, sore fingers; also for frost-bites or chilblains. The Calabdo acts through the pores, moving the cause of the trouble. Its use also keeps the feet in a firm, healthy condition, free from swelling and puffing. These formulae are published by the Medical Formula Laboratories, Dayton, Ohio. The ingredients specified can be procured from any good drug store.

**Prufrock & Litton**  
Fourth and St. Charles

**Gift of Money**

WHETHER it was \$3.00 or \$300, Prufrock & Litton's Store offers unusual opportunities for its wise investment.

**Thursday Special**  
These \$10.00 Rockers



Now \$7.50  
Brown Fiber Rockers, as illustrated, upholstered in a pretty pattern of cretonne, loose seat cushions over deep spring seats. Very comfortable and substantially made. Regular \$10 value. Special tomorrow while \$7.50

Select your Furniture Outside now—Pay for it 30, 60, 90 and 120 days.



PLUTO is nothing new—it has been America's Fizz for years. And yet there is nothing new than compare with PLUTO. Bottled at French Lick Springs and sold everywhere. On Your Physician Prescribes It.



### The New Victor Records for January

**Ready Here Tomorrow**  
Come in and let us play them for you in our ideal demonstration rooms. Get the habit of choosing your records here. Ours are sealed, perfect and sanitary. We do not send records on approval.

**\$2.50 to \$3.75 LACE CURTAINS**  
Thursday at Pair, **\$1.88**

Several hundred pairs, 3 to 20 pairs of a kind; of Saxony, Egyptian, Brussels Net, French Cable Net, Marquise, French Guipure and Scotch Lace Curtains; for living rooms, dining rooms, libraries and bedrooms; a good assortment of attractive patterns; white, ivory, beige and Arabian.

### 75c 4-Yard-Wide Linoleum

Thursday, Sq. Yd., **52c**  
Extra heavy, well seasoned, Printed Linoleum, in tile or parquetry designs, for kitchens or dining rooms; wide enough to cover large rooms without a joint.  
45c 2-Yard-Wide Linoleum  
Thursday, Sq. Yd., **32c**  
The new process sanitary and waterproof covering for bath rooms, pantries or bedrooms.

**CHARGE PURCHASES**  
Made balance of this month will be billed on January statement, payable in February.

**STORE HOURS THURSDAY 8:30 A. M. TO 5:30 P. M.**

**Famous and Bar Co.**  
ENTIRE BLOCK OLIVE, LOCUST, SIXTH AND SEVENTH STS.  
Largest Distributors of Merchandise at We Give Eagle Stamps and Redem Full Books for \$2 in Cash or \$2.50 in Merchandise—Few Restricted Articles Excepted.

### OUR AFTER-XMAS APPAREL SALE OFFERS

**Men's and Young Men's Suits and Overcoats**

In the Most Wanted Styles, at Extraordinary Savings  
THE SUITS are in the newest patterns and colorings, and include worsteds, cassimeres and chevots, also plain blue serges and ribbed Tibets; conservative and extreme models, including single and double breasted pinch-back effects.  
THE OVERCOATS come in the very popular single and double breasted pinch-back models, form-fitting coats and conservative Chesterfield models; in the correct new patterns and colorings; of splendid materials; sizes to fit men and young men of every build, also stouts and slims.  
Wondrous values at the special price of

**\$14.00**

Second Floor

### \$12 Electric Metal Table Lamps

Thursday Special ... **\$8.95**  
Extra large size with metal standards and overcast metal shades; 18-inch size; lined with art glass panels in various colors in Verde green, ivory and old gold finish, with two pull chain sockets complete; while 18 last.  
\$15 Floor Lamps, with silk shades, \$12.  
\$12 Boudoir Lamps, with silk shades, \$2.35.  
\$17.5 Adjustable Desk Lamps, \$12.50.  
\$2 Dixie Portable Electric Lamps, \$12.50.

### Boys' Norfolk Suits

Originally \$2.95, \$3.95 and \$4.95, Thursday, Choice for .... **\$1.99**  
Exactly 175 Suits in this lot, of fancy Scotch mixtures in new pinch back models; on account of the limited quantity we advise your early attendance.

### Boys' Winter Coats

Originally \$3.35, \$3.90 and \$4.95, Thursday, Choice for .... **\$2.60**  
Only 220 in this lot of Scotch tweeds, chinchillas, fancy weaves, pinch back and belted models; sizes 2 1/2 to 16.  
Remainder Economy Sizes

A Go Some Must If he Pa More CAN SEE Allie Kaut Broadway, every night Mrs. Joseph ran away from more than a The police the girl and turn home, she wants t Out Vic fo Hip Kie Our strators Record your a pleasure KIE PLAIN



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15.00.  
8.75, for \$9.75.  
85.  
00, for \$8.95.  
Third Floor

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and colorings of  
ores of other items.

Monono Satin, 85c  
large Oriental  
fancy-bordered  
all-silk Cheney's

Black Messaline, 95c  
quality, full yard wide,  
black black Messaline.

Black Poplin, 79c  
white checked Poplin.

Black Satin, \$1.98  
very soft, plain dress  
wide; navy, Bel-  
gian brown.

Black Poplin, 95c  
with woven colored sat-  
inches wide; will

Black Satin, \$1.50  
soft finish, medium  
black Satin, for  
suits or waists.

Main Floor, Aisle 1

OFFERS



alk Suits

\$2.95, \$3.35 and  
up.

\$1.99

ITS Suits in this lot, of  
mixtures in new  
models; on account of  
quantity we advise  
attendance

Winter Coats

\$3.90 and \$4.95.

\$2.60

lot of Scotch tweeds,  
serges, pinch back and  
to 16.

Nearest Nearest Store

A Good Home  
Somewhere in St. Louis  
Must Be Sold

If you have finally decided to own your  
home look for this offer with others in the  
Post-Dispatch Real Estate Column.

More than 5000 Home Offers Every Sunday.

CAN SEE MOVIES EVERY NIGHT

Little Kauffer, 15 years old, of 7303 South  
Broadway, wanted to go to the movies  
every night and when her grandmother,  
Mrs. Josephine Kauffer, objected, Althea  
went away from home. She has been gone  
more than a month.  
The police have been asked to look for  
the girl and tell her that, if she will re-  
turn home, she may go to all the shows  
she wants to.

Out Tomorrow!

The New  
Victor Records  
for January

Hear Them Played in

Kieselhorst's  
Victrola  
Parlors

Our experienced demon-  
strators quickly grasp your  
Record desires, and make  
your selection of them a  
pleasure instead of a task.

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SAINT LOUIS



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PERILS  
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15 Startling  
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Stories  
Each Complete

"The story" is the thing.  
No matter what perils  
she has to encounter to  
get it—get it she must.  
In this snappy series of  
fifteen newspaper sto-  
ries you'll be thrilled as  
never before. You'll  
see real "front page  
news" in the making.  
It's something really  
new in motion pic-  
tures. A new story will  
be presented every  
week for fifteen weeks.  
Don't miss them.

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FAVORITE THEATRE

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WILSON POPULAR  
PLURALITY OVER  
HUGHES 568,822

Complete Official Returns Give  
President 9,116,296 Votes  
and Hughes 8,547,474.

BENSON IS BEHIND DEBS

Socialist Loss Shown; Slight Gain  
for Prohibitionists; Total Vote  
of Country 18,638,874.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Complete official  
returns on the presidential election  
show that President Wilson received  
9,116,296 votes and Charles E. Hughes  
8,547,474, a plurality of 568,822 for Wilson.  
In 1912 Wilson received 6,297,099; Taft,  
2,848,889, and Roosevelt, 4,124,893. The vote  
for Benson, Socialist candidate for Pres-  
ident, was 750,000, with eight missing  
states estimated, against 801,872 for Debs  
in 1912, and for Haasly, Prohibitionist  
candidate, was 235,301, against 207,928 for  
Chaffin in 1912.

The following table shows the vote by  
states for Wilson and Hughes:

State	Wilson	Hughes
Alabama	27,778	28,902
Arizona	32,170	26,209
Arkansas	112,189	49,827
California	468,329	462,519
Colorado	178,516	102,908
Connecticut	92,788	108,514
Delaware	24,521	26,794
Florida	56,104	14,611
Georgia	125,821	11,226
Idaho	70,021	64,288
Illinois	860,081	1,138,216
Indiana	324,063	241,000
Iowa	221,699	280,449
Kansas	214,688	277,663
Kentucky	209,900	241,824
Louisiana	78,576	6,544
Maine	64,118	69,506
Maryland	138,269	117,947
Massachusetts	247,885	268,812
Michigan	264,776	320,097
Minnesota	178,516	179,514
Mississippi	90,382	4,232
Missouri	308,022	380,339
Montana	101,063	66,750
Nebraska	188,827	117,771
Nevada	17,776	12,127
New Hampshire	43,779	48,723
New Jersey	211,016	268,082
New Mexico	32,553	21,161
New York	764,580	976,410
North Carolina	63,784	120,500
North Dakota	65,371	62,651
Ohio	604,946	516,536
Oklahoma	148,123	97,223
Oregon	120,687	126,512
Pennsylvania	621,784	700,774
Rhode Island	44,284	44,583
South Carolina	61,846	1,009
South Dakota	89,181	64,261
Tennessee	125,254	116,714
Texas	285,209	64,940
Utah	89,005	64,123
Vermont	22,708	40,250
Virginia	102,824	49,359
Washington	128,268	167,244
West Virginia	140,408	140,124
Wisconsin	129,042	221,228
Wyoming	22,516	21,698
Totals	9,116,296	8,547,474

The total popular vote for the four  
candidates was 18,638,874, as against 18-  
645,222 in 1912. This is an increase of  
2,600,549, accounted for by the increased  
population and the women's vote in the  
new suffrage states.

In 1912 Wilson's plurality over Roose-  
velt was 2,178,512. The combined plural-  
ity of Taft and Roosevelt over Wilson  
was 1,301,444. In 1908 Taft's plurality  
over Bryan was 1,280,804. Roosevelt had  
a plurality of 2,645,615 in 1904 and four  
years before Bryan ran 648,730 votes  
behind McKinley. In 1896 Bryan lost  
by 601,854.

BILLY SUNDAY COMING HERE,  
BUT DATE IS KEPT SECRET

Committee Withholds Details "Be-  
cause of Certain Local Condi-  
tions"—Plans for \$50,000 Fund.  
Preparations for an evangelistic cam-  
paign by Billy Sunday, to begin at a  
time not made public, will be made by a  
committee headed by the Rev. Dr. J.  
Layton Maize, and including ministers  
and business men. The raising of a  
\$50,000 guarantee fund is said to be as-  
sured. Sunday, in a telegram, has an-  
nounced that he will come here. Dr.  
Maize said today that, because of cer-  
tain local conditions, the committee  
would not at present announce the time  
for Sunday's coming.  
The leading Protestant bodies of St.  
Louis recently decided on a union, evan-  
gelistic campaign next winter, "under  
the leadership of some evangelist of com-  
manding influence." Sunday makes pro-  
hibition a big part of his campaigns, and  
as it is expected a prohibition amend-  
ment will be submitted to Missouri vot-  
ers in November, 1918, the early part of  
that year would be a favorable time for  
him to open his work here.  
He will require a special tabernacle.

"ACTOIDS" ACT ACTIVELY.

"ACTOIDS" Cure Constipation.

\$631,300,000 GOLD IMPORTS

That Much Has Come Into America  
in a Year.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—With only  
three business days of the year remain-  
ing after today, gold to the amount of  
\$631,300,000 has been imported into the  
United States from all sources during  
1917. This includes a fresh consignment  
of \$4,000,000 from Canada, deposited at  
the Philadelphia Mint to the account of  
J. P. Morgan & Co.

Have  
With Club Sandwiches.

HUNGARIAN CORONATION IS  
TO BE ON ELABORATE SCALE

Plans Are Almost Completed and  
Queen's Dress Has Cost  
\$10,000.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the  
Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam

says preparations for the Hungarian  
coronation are almost completed and  
that the indications are that the cere-  
mony will be carried out with all the  
pomp of the days before the war.  
"The dress of Empress Zita," says  
the correspondent, "is ready. It is of  
white satin covered with golden orna-  
ments, after the model of the robes

worn by the Hungarian Queens at all  
coronation celebrations. It represents  
the efforts of 50 workers, who devoted  
14 days in making it at a cost of \$10,000  
kronen (\$10,000). The dress will be hand-  
ed to the Queen by a deputation headed  
by the Archduchess Augusta.  
"On the ground that the coronation  
should not be celebrated lavishly during

such a time of stress, the Croatian opo-  
sition party, according to a dispatch  
from Agram, has declined the official  
invitation to the ceremony received by  
the Croatian diet."  
OUR LOW PRICES and easy credit terms  
on genuine Diamonds, fine Watches, beau-  
tiful jewelry, will interest you. Holiday clear-  
ance sale. Lofis Bros. & Co., 24 West  
N. 34th St.

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HAD LONGEST FAMILY NAME

Mrs. Gertrude Ahrenhoersterbaumer  
Died at 84.  
Mrs. Gertrude Ahrenhoersterbaumer,  
84 years old, of 219 Geyer avenue,  
widow of Bernard Ahrenhoerster-  
baumer, died of old age at her home

yesterday. Her family has the longest  
name in St. Louis. Some of the  
members have had the name legally  
changed to Ahren.  
Mrs. Ahrenhoersterbaumer's chil-  
dren are Mrs. Anna Stevens Ger-  
trude, Henry, Bernard and Frank  
Ahrenhoersterbaumer. The funeral  
will be Friday, with services at  
Peter & Paul's Church.

# JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS BANKING CLUB and HAVE MONEY START NOW

YOU CAN START  
WITH  
10¢  
5¢  
2¢  
OR MORE

PLAN OF THE CLUB

The Plan Is Simple: You begin with a certain amount, 1c, 2c 5c, or 10c, and increase your deposit the same amount each week. Or, you can begin with a certain amount, 50c, \$1.00, \$5.00, or any amount, and deposit the same amount each week.

HOW TO JOIN

Look at the different Clubs in table below and select the one you wish to join, the 1c, 2c, 5c, 10c 50c, \$1.00, \$5.00, or any of the clubs; then come to our Bank with the first weekly payment. We will make you a member of the Club and give you a Christmas Banking Club Book showing the Club you have joined.

EVERYBODY CAN JOIN — Men and Women, Boys and Girls, Little Children, the Baby

You can take out membership for your family and your friends. An employer can take out membership for his employees. We will welcome everyone.

WHAT THE DIFFERENT CLUBS WILL PAY YOU

1c Club PAYMENTS	2c Club PAYMENTS	5c Club PAYMENTS	10c Club PAYMENTS	50c Club PAYMENTS	\$1.00 Club PAYMENTS	\$5.00 Club PAYMENTS	X CLUB FOR
1st Week... 1c 2d Week... 2c 3d Week... 3c Increase Every Week by 1c. Total in 50 Weeks	1st Week... 2c 2d Week... 4c 3d Week... 6c Increase Every Week by 2c. Total in 50 Weeks	1st Week... 5c 2d Week... 10c 3d Week... 15c Increase Every Week by 5c. Total in 50 Weeks	1st Week... 10c 2d Week... 20c 3d Week... 30c Increase Every Week by 10c. Total in 50 Weeks	1st Week... 50c 2d Week... 50c 3d Week... 50c Deposit \$50c Every Week. Total in 50 Weeks	1st Week... \$1.00 2d Week... \$1.00 3d Week... \$1.00 Deposit \$1.00 Every Week. Total in 50 Weeks	1st Week... \$5.00 2d Week... \$5.00 3d Week... \$5.00 Deposit \$5.00 Every Week. Total in 50 Weeks	\$2, \$3, \$4 \$10 or any amount
\$12.75	\$25.50	\$63.75	\$127.50	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$250.00	

YOU CAN BEGIN WITH THE LARGEST PAYMENT FIRST AND DECREASE YOUR PAYMENTS EACH WEEK

The Reasons for the Club

To provide a way for those of moderate and even small means to bank their money.  
To teach "the saving habit" to those who have never learned it.  
It makes your pennies, nickels and dimes, often foolishly spent, grow into dollars; dollars grow into a fortune. Start your fortune today.  
To give you a Bank connection and show you how our Bank can be of service to you.

For Old and Young

The sensible thing for all parents to do is to join our Christmas Banking Club and also put every member of their family into it. This will teach them the value of money and how to bank and HAVE MONEY. Maybe this little start you give them now may some day set them up in business or buy them a home.  
How often have you wished that your parents had taught you early the value of banking your money. You would be well-off today. Don't make the same mistake with YOUR children.

## AMERICAN TRUST COMPANY BROADWAY AND LOCUST

Learn the Truth About Furs  
From the Leading Fur House in the West

There's a Sense of Absolute Satisfaction

which comes to the wearer of Roos' distinctive Furs, that never can be enjoyed by those who buy the unreliable, makeshift kind. There is sterling worth and correct style in every Roos garment, which makes its possession so desirable.

LEPPERT-ROOS  
Established 1867  
309 WASHINGTON

BABY SUFFERED WITH BLISTERS  
On Cheeks, Neck and Chest. Formed A Crust. Itched and Burned. Almost A Solid Scale.

HEALED BY CUTICURA SOAP AND OINTMENT

"A breaking out which caused my baby much suffering came first in minute blisters on his cheeks, and spread downward covering his chin, neck, and chest. It formed a crust and his clothing seemed to aggravate it. The eruptions must have itched and burned. He was almost a solid scale."

"I picked up a paper with an advertisement for Cuticura Soap and Ointment and I immediately sent for them. I only used two cakes of Soap and one box of Ointment and he was healed." (Signed) Mrs. Jennie Vinson, West Pine St., Paxton, Ill., Jan. 24, 1916.

Sample Each Free by Mail With 32-p. Skin Book on request. Address post-card: "Cuticura, Dept. T, Boston." Sold throughout the world.

Lessons in music or in money-making vocations can be had through the instruction advertisements in the Post-Dispatch "Want Pages."

DIAMONDS WATCHES ON CREDIT

HOLIDAY Clearance Sale

Our great Christmas sales have left many broken lines in Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry, Silverware, etc., which we have placed on sale during Holiday week at clearance prices. Now is the time to buy a handsome Diamond Ring, Stud, Ear Screws, Brooch, La Valliere, Pendant, Bracelet, Watch, Wrist-Watch, Chain, Charm, etc.

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## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

How the Police are Discouraged.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
May I say a word for a set of men who are now coming in for rounds of unmitigated abuse from citizens and the press—the patrolmen of the police force? I believe our men are as good as we allow them to be. If they are corrupt the corruption is because of conditions we as citizens are responsible for.

Suppose you were a new man who goes on the force with a belief that your duty really is to catch malefactors and enforce the law. Suppose in one day you bring to court a well known prostitute and a bunch of men from a lido club. You may or may not get convictions in the city courts. If you do, the cases will be appealed to the Three C's Court. Here you will find the woman when she is released, telling you in embellished language that she trusts that next time you will know better than to molest her, while the lido club will loudly and published threaten in open court to have you transferred to Carondelet if you get busy again. The saloons and immoral houses on your beat have been reported by the police again and again. One saloon near Neighborhood Association has over 40 complaints lodged against it by patrolmen. It keeps its license in spite of murders by gunmen who frequent it and the numbers of street walkers who use it for headquarters. Is it not natural that when a patrolman realizes this situation he should slow up and ask "What's the use?"

Don't blame the individual patrolmen. They are as good as we through our duly elected courts and our duly appointed officials will allow them to be. Upright Judges and good commissioners on the Police Board and in the senate will do more to stop the "crime wave" than any hunting for individual delinquents on the force. Many of the men I believe are anxious to be good officers and are heartily discouraged and smarting under a real feeling of public injustice. The seeds of the present disorder have been sown.

MARY E. BULKLEY.

Still Bragging.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
As I wander through different stores and look at the quality of American-made Christmas toys it reminds me of a little song that we used to sing in school called "Deutschland Ueber Alles, Ueber Alles in der Welt."

H. H.

Christmas Benefactions.

The grand and benevolent spectacle which the public saw on Christmas eve, when Mr. August A. Busch gave to the poor and orphan children of our city and county the biggest treat they ever had, should strengthen the public in the fact that we have in Mr. Busch the individual paragon of benefactors. After giving them presents, poor people were taken to the Jefferson Hotel for a good meal, etc.

Did the public see the big charity the Post-Dispatch carried out at the Coliseum? To see how those poor uncles enjoyed the benefactions would have brought tears in the eyes of the coldest heart.

Is it certainly a blessing to have a single benefactor like Mr. Busch and a collective benefactor like the Post-Dispatch in our beloved city of St. Louis.

They are first in everything!

The St. Louis people owe a hearty vote of thanks for the work both of you carry out so successfully.

FRED MEYER.

Belt Line Cars Too Few.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
Cannot someone speed up the service on the Belt Line southbound cars from 7 to 8 a. m.? It is hardly seems right to run these cars 15 minutes apart at this hour, making dozens of young girls at Alhambra and other institutions from 8 to 10 minutes late.

PARSENGER.

An Expression of Thanks.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
Generous spirit manifested by the firm of Wagner Bros. Moving and Storage Co. today is worthy of note and praise in contributing the services of motor vans and drivers in the distribution of baskets and good cheer to the worthy families connected with the Central Trades Union. I for one, express gratitude to the Central Trades Union and Wagner Bros. Moving and Storage Co. and the good and truthful paper, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Success to them.

J. J. HARTY.

No More Old Cars.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:  
The cold weather gives a fine opportunity to get rid of empty cars. Everybody with a furnace or a good heating stove may easily burn every car. Discarded gasolines are even easier to burn than tin. The city having ceased to gather cars, this is a matter important to all housekeepers.

OLD MANHOLEMEN.

## GERMANY DODGES THE POINT.

The German note proposing an immediate conference "of delegates of the belligerent states at a neutral place" dodges the main point of President Wilson's note suggesting that the belligerents state the objects for which they are warring. Without submitting them it goes a step farther than its previous offer of peace negotiations by proposing a conference.

This proposal has already been rejected, informally at least, by the entente Powers, which have refused to consider any proposal for peace or peace negotiations without a definite statement of terms.

It embarrasses President Wilson because it apparently assumes that his note, contrary to its explicit declaration, was an effort to obtain a conference or to open negotiations and gives color to the impression that the President is a party to the German movement in favor of peace.

The President's difficulties are increased rather than diminished by this note. He cannot without offense to the British group of belligerents act upon Germany's proposal against their expressed will. He must disengage himself from any connection with Germany's special aims or desires. He must hold a strictly neutral and friendly attitude towards all so far as peace activities are concerned.

Germany may take other steps supplementary to this which will place her peace proposal on a better foundation.

On the other hand, as it stands without compliance with the President's suggestion, it may have a directly opposite effect. The President spoke as the "representative of a neutral nation whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifest necessity to determine how to safeguard these interests if the war is to continue."

If Germany's step proves to be merely an attempt, not to obtain a just peace, but to gain moral and material advantage in war the President may be impelled to act from an American standpoint to protect American rights and interests imperilled by war's continuation under the desperate and reckless conditions which have marked its prosecution to the present time.

The failure to obtain any satisfaction as to peace terms from belligerents will confront the United States with the necessity of compelling war terms which will be endurable to neutrals.

## ST. LOUIS CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The Christmas season must not pass without this public acknowledgment of the Christmas gifts to St. Louis, tokens of which were placed in the big Santa Claus stocking at the municipal Christmas tree on Christmas eve. Thanks of St. Louis people are due to Hon. David R. Francis, for the 60-acre tract he donated for a park; to G. A. Buder, for the playground lot at Ewing avenue and Hickory street, donated by him; and to August A. Busch, for his gift of wild geese for the Zoo.

It was an excellent beginning. Citizens who think they would like to follow the precedent will find, in last Friday's Post-Dispatch, a number of suggestions for suitable and acceptable gifts. And there are other things the city needs or will need. St. Louisans who are favored by fortune can find outlet for their benevolence as citizens, and win the lasting gratitude of their fellow St. Louisans by remembering the municipality's stocking.

The hardest scrap of paper to write is a neutral note.

## CUTTING DOWN MAIL SERVICE.

In the report of the committee of the Federal Postoffice Department on pneumatic tube mail service we find several remarkable statements with regard to the mail service in St. Louis. The report quotes Postmaster Selph as expressing his willingness to abandon the service if the department thinks it best and "to develop other means of transportation to meet all demands."

The committee then, without further quotation from the St. Louis Postmaster's letters, which are included in the report, expresses the flat opinion "that no material advantage results from the use of the pneumatic tube service in St. Louis." It makes the additional extraordinary statement that "there is little or no surface congestion in St. Louis and an automobile or other conveyance is able to travel rapidly." It puts the difference of time between an automobile and the tube from the General Postoffice to the Central Station at about seven minutes and from the Central Station to the Bridge Station at three and five-sixths minutes. No allowance is made for uncertainty of the automobile time on account of congestion, weather or disability, none of which affect the tube service.

In the report is a letter from Postmaster Selph directly contradicting the conclusion of the committee. If his opinion is worth anything as to the value of the pneumatic tube service, it completely nullifies the committee's opinion and reverses its conclusion. Mr. Selph wrote:

As stated in communication above referred to, 75 per cent of the mails now transported by pneumatic tube in St. Louis could probably be handled satisfactorily by surface transportation, with no delay in dispatch or delivery, but treatment of the balance, which includes important eastern mails for delivery in the downtown business section, as well as dispatches of similar matter, made or done in connection after deposit in territory contiguous to the tubes, would be seriously impaired, for we are now working under particularly close schedules, attributable in a large measure to the 8 to 10 hour law, and if obliged to consume extra time, consequential to necessary sacking and trucking to the mailing platform for surface transportation, schedules as regards the downtown section would be necessitated. In a number of instances, he subjected to changes bordering on nullification, and mails to the extent referred to delayed several hours in delivery.

The conditions referred to are attributable to arrival time of Eastern trains, which in the morning are too late for delivery before afternoon if subjected to any delay whatever, and those in the afternoon will have to be held until the following morning on account of our inability to delay carriers' leaving time and maintain the 8 to 10 hour law.

Service conditions in St. Louis differ from those of any other city in the country, in that the main postoffice is located at Eighteenth and Walnut streets, while the business of the financial sections is conducted in the Federal Building at Eighth and Olive streets, nearly a mile away. The tube is a great convenience to us on this account as it permits of continuous and speedy connection between the executive division and the financial section, impossible of substitution by transportation of any other character.

Reasons herein mentioned, together with probability of congestion attributable to climatic conditions upon occasions inevitable in connection with surface transportation, present the principal argument favoring continuance of the tube service at St. Louis, if its continuance is possible at a cost commensurate with advantages to be derived therefrom.

Is the impairment of service on 25 per cent of tube mails, including "important Eastern mails for delivery in the downtown or business section as well as dispatches of similar matter made on close connection in territory contiguous to the tubes" of little importance to St. Louis business? This 25 per cent is the most important. It is impossible to measure its value to business men. It may and probably does involve enormous business transactions.

If the testimony of other postmasters and mail conditions in cities threatened with a discontinuance of tube service are ignored or misrepresented as in the case of St. Louis, the report of the Department committee is not worth the ink and paper it consumed.

We judge that this is so by the general protest of the business men of the threatened cities. The mouths of postmasters have been closed, but the business men are vociferous in opposition to the abolition of the tube service.

Postmaster-General Burleson seems to have made up his mind in advance that he will economize at the expense of the large cities regardless of consequences to quick mail service. He wants to save on the cities to serve the rural districts and is willing to go backward to accomplish his purpose. But Congress ought not to ignore the needs of the great business centers which serve the people of the rural districts.

## THE STATE UNIVERSITY'S INCOME.

It is to be hoped that Governor-elect Gardner and the new State administration will not lend countenance to an insidious campaign against the State University which has already found support among politicians of a certain type. The intent of the whole movement is to take from the school the little of economic freedom it has already won, through years of hard fighting, and to make it once more wholly dependent upon the whims of whatever Legislature may be in power and compel it to beg from politicians as a favor the support to which it is entitled by right.

An effort is under way to replace the present collateral inheritance tax, the proceeds from which go to the maintenance of the university, by a new tax which shall be paid into the general revenues. The immediate effect of this would be that all money for the school from this source would have to be appropriated biennially by the General Assembly. In other words, the institution which stands for equal educational opportunity for every boy and girl in Missouri, whether rich or poor, would have, even more than it does now, to go to Jefferson City every two years and participate in disgraceful scrambles for money.

It is unthinkable that the intelligence of our great commonwealth would stand for so much of reaction. Missouri cannot afford to do less for its university; it ought to do more. The institution at Columbia is at the head of our public school system. In the kindergartens, the grade schools and the high schools, the sons and daughters of all citizens, regardless of caste or rank or financial standing, have equal chances to learn. The work ought to be continued at the university. There tuition is free and every opportunity is afforded for the poor student to earn his own living expenses.

That cannot be done unless the State University is sure of independent financial support. In the first place, it is hard to retain educators of the first rank if their tenure of office is uncertain and their pay insecure. Missouri ought to know that by this time. The big colleges of the East are filled with men who were developed at Columbia and who went away because they were unwilling to compromise their own future—put it at the disposal of politicians who might or might not be in sympathy with them.

The incoming administration has great and difficult problems to solve. It must put Missouri's finances on a firm and progressive basis. But it must not begin its economies at the wrong place. A new collateral inheritance tax law is necessary, if let it be adopted by all means. But the change must not be made at the expense of the university. For every dollar of assured revenue taken from the university by this means, another dollar and more of assured revenue must be provided from some other source. We must not go backward but forward. The administration should provide an income for the university that will be both ample and certain.

The British in Egypt are pursuing the Turks along the route taken by Moses when leading the children of Israel to the Holy Land. The pillar of fire is supplied by bombs dropped from aeroplanes.

## CULTURED COPS.

So much culture has spilled over from the University of California that the town of Berkeley, where it is situated, has decided to establish a college for the education and refinement of its policemen. It's to be a real college, too, with a dean, A. A. and Ph. D.'s in the faculty, curriculum and all. Remarkable, isn't it, how a great idea is likely to be born at almost any place? Fortunately it usually seeps around until it permeates the whole country. We rejoice more than ever that St. Louis isn't any farther from California.

It is to be hoped that the college succeeds and that the idea spreads and spreads. If one must be arrested, it undoubtedly would be less unpleasant to be arrested by a scholar and a gentleman. If one is to sit in the automobile at a crowded crossing to take a "hawling," the suffering would be mitigated if the admonition were couched in elegant language with perhaps a few quotations from the classics thrown in. If one should be caught in a mob, how much nicer to hear the blue-coated maintainer of order remark: "Kindly step aside, gentlemen, and remember the old maxim, 'Procul a Jove, procul a fulmine,' than to have some ruffian with a nightstick shouting, 'Move on, there, before I bust ya!'"

More power to you, Berkeley! If ever your new student body begins to diminish, we know a few traffic cops we can send you.



"DER TAG"

## JUST A MINUTE

Written for the POST-DISPATCH  
by Clark McAdams

**THE BURGLAR.**  
THE patrolman had just passed with a great clattering of his nightstick and fair warning to everyone that he was approaching, so the burglar slipped from hiding and made for the back of an imposing home of the moderately well-to-do, one-auburne class. He first tried the back door, as a burglar always does. He found it unlocked. As he stepped in his flashlight revealed this, neatly printed and framed, on the wall:

**BURGLARS, NOTICE!**  
Before you rob this house, consider whether it is worth your while. You first run the risk of getting shot. Secondly, you will not get any money, which is your chief object, because people do not have money in their homes any more. There are two reasons for this. The first is that checks have largely taken the place of cash in ordinary business. Second, the cost of living is such that people have almost no ready money. Looking for money in this house would recall the experience of the country preacher who woke and found a burglar searching his bedroom. "What do you want?" he asked. "Money," the burglar answered. "Ah!" said the preacher, "Wait till I get a match, and I'll help you look." Anything else in the house would be worthless to you. We have a little jewelry, but you could not get anything for it. It reminds one of the conundrum, "Why is Christmas jewelry like the grass?" The answer is, "Because it turns green in the spring." Silly, verily you don't want, because you can't dispose of it without exposing yourself to arrest. If you will open the icebox you will find something to eat. If you will look in the tin can on top of the icebox, you will find a dollar bill which we are glad to give you for your trouble. Please fix the night latch so you can close the door after you, and put any dishes you use in the kitchen sink.

The burglar read that sign a second time. It emphasized a conclusion to which he had been all brought by getting only \$235 for his work the three previous nights. He looked for the tin can, and got the dollar. Then he took some gold turkey, milk, celery, and a few other things out of the icebox, and had lunch on the kitchen table.

As he closed the door after himself, having obeyed every direction, he said: "Ain't it the truth? I'm sayin' it is."

**IN SIGNS.**  
An addition to the allied cutters' industry at Reform, Alabama:

Smith & Anderson  
Tailors and Barbers

On the Hodiament line:

Licensed Electrician

A disappearing sign in St. Louis:

For Rent

**LIFE.**  
What a life!  
The air when snow is in its cold territories!  
How like our lives is that of the ivory flakes.

Short but with motions continuous.  
Some days there is no wind.  
Or a light breeze that floats them in the air.  
While other days they are dashed onto the mass below.  
Some go to destruction fast.  
While others sport long.  
Weaving their destinies.  
One I saw alight on a maiden's white arm.  
White ones melted on her soft cheek.  
One breathed its soul in the flower.  
The flower upon her jaunty hat.  
Another died on her lips.  
Still others thawed later upon the ground.  
The cold ground that is black.  
So as to live but mud.

A flake lived in her waves of hair.  
And glistened like a silver lake.  
Another melted on her wild-rose bosom  
And refreshed her blood.

O, sweeter life!  
To last but a year!  
O, the turning of face!  
From Eden's clear sunshine.  
My knee might so melt upon her lips  
Or the fire from my lips glow in her hair.  
My heart in the calm fire of her eyes—  
And make them glisten like diamonds.  
My breath might shake her heart  
With rapture undreamable.  
Her bosom might glow the flame in my being.  
The holocaust of my youth.  
But the soul of me melts in a dream of her.  
A dream that is sweet but cold.  
So cold as to freeze my blood.  
And make my eyes gleam like a frozen river  
Which is treacherous—  
Because of heat underneath.  
A dream as cold as the earth—  
Upon which snow flakes melt—  
As unethereal—  
As eternally cold!

December 24, 1916.

**ALAN HERBERT.**  
The Russians have no intention of talking peace. They lost the war with Japan by letting someone make peace for them before they had really begun to fight, and they do not intend to let that happen again. The war has really passed beyond the control of those nations which had military insomnia, and it is not their convenience that is to be suited from this time on.

**DECEMBER 27.**  
Only five days till the Devil,  
Humbly booted up the flue,  
Sits upon the chimney saying,  
"This will last a day or two."

The announcement that liquor packages for dry territory had more to do with the congestion of Christmas mail and express in St. Louis than anything else makes one wonder if the prohibitionists themselves are altogether sincere at this particular season.

The population of the Japanese empire is estimated to have passed 77,000,000. Blessed are the rice-eaters, for theirs shall be the kingdom of earth after everyone else shall have perished of hunger.

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

## BEAUTY CULTURE.

**HILLEN.**—Hair turning gray is due to a chemical change in the structure of the hair, through a process called "oxidation." It is caused by the action of oxygen on the hair, which is rich in iron, and is accelerated by the use of hair dyes, which contain iron compounds.

## LAW POINTS.

**XX.**—No matter how small the amount of property, a person who is entitled to full and complete possession of it, and who is entitled to the use and enjoyment of it, is entitled to the same protection as a person who is entitled to the full and complete possession of it, and who is entitled to the use and enjoyment of it. This is the principle of the law, and it is the basis of all property rights.

## WHY THE AURORA BOREALIS.

**F. A. S.**—Aurora borealis is a natural phenomenon which is caused by the action of solar rays on the atmosphere of the earth. It is a result of the interaction of the solar wind and the earth's magnetic field, which causes the solar rays to be deflected and to create the aurora. The aurora is a beautiful sight, and it is one of the most mysterious of the natural world.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

**O. P.**—The theater you mention is hardly a place for young ladies. It is a place of amusement, and it is not a place where young ladies should go. It is a place of entertainment, and it is not a place where young ladies should go.

**GOOD BOY.**—Pick up anything you can find on the street. If you find it, it is yours. If you do not find it, it is not yours. This is the principle of the law, and it is the basis of all property rights.

**B. B.**—For full information on the subject of the law, see the book "The Law of the Land." It is a book which is well known to all who are interested in the law, and it is a book which is well known to all who are interested in the law.

**NAVAL DESIGN.**—Do you know that there is nothing you can do to induce the Navy Department to accept your invention? It is not to do so.

**F. W. S.**—If your statement is true, it would hardly be a surprise to longer live with such a wife. Punishment will come of itself, and it will come in a way which you will not expect.

**JACK.**—Aquarium cement: One part plaster, 1 part lime, 1 part sand, 1 part water. Mix well. When used for use, mix small quantities with boiled linseed oil, and dry in a thick as putty.

**XI.**—Children of same father and mother, but of different mothers, are half-brothers or half-sisters. They are not brothers or sisters, and they are not half-brothers or half-sisters.

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## Fifty Famous

**SIR HUMPHRY.**  
THIS boy Humphry is the son of a famous family. He is a famous family, and he is a famous family. He is a famous family, and he is a famous family.

**A Test of Memory.**  
The old fellow's name is Humphry. He is a famous family, and he is a famous family. He is a famous family, and he is a famous family.

**Failure and Success.**  
The old fellow's name is Humphry. He is a famous family, and he is a famous family. He is a famous family, and he is a famous family.

**Reflection.**  
The old fellow's name is Humphry. He is a famous family, and he is a famous family. He is a famous family, and he is a famous family.

**Dancing.**  
The old fellow's name is Humphry. He is a famous family, and he is a famous family. He is a famous family, and he is a famous family.

**CASTO.**  
The old fellow's name is Humphry. He is a famous family, and he is a famous family. He is a famous family, and he is a famous family.

**Use For Over 20 Years.**  
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## Fifty Boys and Girls Famous in History

By Albert Payson Terhune.

### SIR HUMPHREY DAVY; the Boy Chemist.

THIS boy Humphrey is incorrigible! bellowed an elderly Englishman named Tonkin, who had charitably given refuge in his house to a half-starved youth named Humphrey Davy. "He is incorrigible! And he is the latest of his kind. He will blow us all into eternity with these silly chemical notions of his!"

The old fellow's rage was not wholly unreasonable. For Davy after refusing to continue as an apprentice in a so-called "respectable trade," had just blown part of the Tonkin kitchen to atoms while testing a home-made explosive which he called "thunder powder."

Humphrey was the eldest son of a family of five children. He was born at Minehead in England in 1778. His parents were poor and busy. Too poor at first to send Humphrey to school and too busy to teach him at home.

Children in those days often began to study before they were 4 years old. But Humphrey, to his own joy, was spared this early discipline. He spent his boyhood years in dreamy idleness that made his parents fear he was going to be a hopeless idler and dunce.

His mother in her rare moments of leisure used to read and reread Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" aloud to the children. One evening, when Humphrey was about 5, Mrs. Davy could not find the volume when the reading hour came.

"Never mind!" spoke up Humphrey. "I'll tell it to you."

And to the family's boundless amazement the 5-year-old boy began to repeat from memory page after page of Bunyan's great book. He had unconsciously learned a large part of the story by heart from hearing his mother read it so often.

At 4 Humphrey went to a village grammar school kept by a brute of a man named Coryton. This amiable schoolmaster had a habit of pulling his pupils' ears in most agonizing fashion, by way of punishment for stupidity.

As Humphrey at first seemed the stupidest boy in his class his ears were a constant state of pain. He did not mind the hurt so much as the shame of such humiliating public punishment. One day he came to school with both ears covered with enormous slabs of adhesive plaster. Coryton angrily demanded the reason. The child replied:

"I got these on to save me from being mortified by ear-pulling."

He quickly won a reputation for odd and original thinking. He reasoned everything out, dissecting the causes of all happenings and forming his own conclusions. Some of these conclusions naturally were idiotic, as when on a frosty day he wore a heavy overcoat and explained his action by saying:

"If it will keep out the cold it ought to keep out the heat, too."

These ways of his were so unusual that the schoolmaster and the village apothecary were surprised. Humphrey was apprenticed to an apothecary surgeon.

His chance had come. He had always been crazy about chemistry. And now at last he found time to plunge deeply into the study of it.

His apprenticeship was not an entire success perhaps as regarded the mastery of surgical lore. But he soon knew more about chemicals than did the apothecary who employed him. And he was forever making strange experiments—as in the case of the "thunder powder."

He was desperately poor, and he began to write for a living. Also to pay for such simple chemicals as he needed. His laboratory apparatus was confined to old bottles, wine glasses, tea cups, earthen jars and tobacco pipes.

Sneered at as an idler and as an impractical dreamer, and always advancing step by step. Before he had reached manhood his important work had been a life work that inspired the greatest chemists of the age.

"The name of Davy, like those of Archimedes, Galileo and Newton, which grow greener by time, will descend to the latest posterity."

## Reflections of a Bachelor Girl

By Helen Rowland.

### His New Year's Reverie.

THE bachelor sits by his lonely hearth. And dreams with the dying year. Of all the girls of his heart's desire, And sweet ghosts beckon from out the fire Of the girls that he once held dear.

Yet, it is not the ones that he loved and lost, Whose spirits hauntingly call, But the ones that he loved—and somehow missed, The ones that he loved—and almost kissed, Or never kissed at all!

A man's first kiss is an experiment, his second a compliment, his third a promise or a farewell.

When a girl asks your opinion of the man she loves, it is usually just in order to hear you "abuse" him, so that she can marry him out of "sympathy."

Christmas presents are like husbands—you are bound to be disappointed if you don't get any and sure to be disappointed if you do.

Oh, yes, there is a vast difference between a good man and a good husband! For instance, going to church every Sunday and never breaking the Commandments may constitute a "good man." But what has that got to do with his willingness to hook your frocks and his ability to remember to kiss you good-by every morning and to keep on telling you that he loves you, just as though he meant it?

Real love may make a man come home regularly to dinner every evening, but real fear has been known to do much more effective.

When a woman dislikes earning her own living and a man dislikes fixing his bath and putting the studs in his shirt, they exchange duties—and call it "marrying for love."

## Dancing One of Oldest Arts

DANCING, in its earliest form, among primitive races, was a mode of expression for strong emotions, such as joy or sorrow, love or passion, and even for the most common religious sentiment, but in later times it has become an amusement and has lost its high significance.

In most ancient religions dancing was one of the chief acts of worship. In the case of the Egyptians, the goddess Isis, one of the daughters of Jupiter, was the first patroness of the art.

Among the Greeks, dancing was an integral part of the education of the young. The Cretan chorus, moving in stately fashion, sang hymns to Apollo.

Among the ancient Jews dancing was the sacred expression of joy or sorrow, and it was danced to a song of triumph.

David told of the death of his son, and before the Ark of God.

In the sacred dances of Greece lay the beginning of all modern dramatic art. Aristotle placed the dance as the highest expression of poetry.

St. Chrysostom held that dancing originated with the devil. Father Justin, in one of his sermons, insisted that the dance had worked more mischief than the plague. Yet the Pandango, object of his special aversion, so charmed the reverend members of the Sacred Synod that they were obliged to permit it, at least in the case of the poor.

It is to France that we owe the origin of most forms of the modern dance. To the age of the Fourteenth century, when the dance was introduced into France, we owe the modern dance as we know it.

Then came the Renaissance, and with it the dance as we know it today. The dance of the Renaissance was a more graceful and more refined than the dance of the Middle Ages.

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## "Marry Her and Trust in Providence," An Expert's Advice; for "Love's a Whip And Marriage Is a Spur to Ambition"



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and trust in Providence. As sure as you stand there, nothing but good fortune will come out of it. I'm not fool enough to believe that two can live as cheaply as one. But I'm wise enough to know that when two young people who love each other, fondly and truly marry, fortune follows them. It was that way in my case. Everything came my way after I married, and after the boy was born everything came bigger and bigger. It's the law, Fred. It's the law. You can't get away from it. If I was ever convinced of anything in my life I'm convinced of that."

No Miracle About That! Just Astonishing.

And what happened? Let Mr. Laurence tell it:

"There wasn't any miracle about it. The ladder just rose naturally, step after step for his climbing. He hadn't been married a month, for instance, when he had an offer from a rival stock exchange house at almost double the pay he was getting. The following year this new employer put him on the floor of the exchange to do part of the trading. His wife helped him save, and when they had a nest egg he took advantage of opportunities that came to him from being on the spot and did a little profitable trading on his own account."

"Later, he bought a seat on the Exchange for himself. His brother, in the meantime, had married, too, and after a while they joined hands and opened a brokerage house of their own. Both boys were popular and clients just naturally came to them. Among these were some of the biggest operators of the city. And under this stimulation their business increased by leaps and bounds. Fred took eventually was elected to the presidency of the Exchange. Meanwhile he had bought a seat on the New York Exchange and had opened offices in Wall Street. Today he is one of the wealthiest men in my home city, and it's a city of millions."

It seems to me that the same measure of success might have come to this man had he remained unmarried. Still, his ambition intensified by his desire to "give his wife what she ought to have."

American men have a generosity in marital things that is only comparable to that of the idolatrous mother who would like to give her child the moon. It is a pity that the virtue of generosity is so demoralizing to its recipient.

Does the Man's Money Fever Benefit the Women?

The woman a man marries is not really benefited by his feverish attempt to make a great deal of money that he may heap upon her every luxury and remove from her every steady duty and responsibility.

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## Largest of American Cats

The Jaguar Is Bigger but Not as Fierce as the African Leopard.

THE jaguar or "cat," as it is generally known throughout South America, is the largest and handsomest of American cats. Its size and deep yellow color, profusely marked with black spots and rosettes, give it a close resemblance to the African leopard. It is, however, a heavier and more powerful animal. In parts of the dense tropical forests of South America coal-black jaguars occur, and while representing merely a color phase, they are supposed to be much fiercer than the ordinary animal. Although so large and powerful, the jaguar has none of the treacherous ferocity of the African leopard. During the years I spent in its country, mainly in the open, I made careful inquiry without hearing of a single case where one had attacked human beings.

In one locality on the Pacific coast of Chusheo I found that the hunter's net had an interesting method of hunting the "tiger" during the mating period. At each time the male has the habit of leaving its lair near the head of a small canyon in the foothills early in the evening and following down the canyon for some distance, at intervals uttering a subdued roar. On moonlight nights at this time the hunters place an expert native with a short wooden trumpet near the mouth of the canyon to imitate the "tiger's" call as soon as it is heard and to repeat the cry at proper intervals. After placing the caller, the hunter ascends the canyon, waits for some distance, and gun in hand awaits the approach of the animal. The natives have many amusing tales of the sudden exit of unfired hunters when the approaching animal unexpectedly uttered its roar at close quarters.

responsibility. The man who—like one I know—works at one job in the daytime and another after dinner in order that his wife may year imported frocks is simply adding to the number of the horse leech's daughters.

Marriage does help a man to succeed in the business of making money—some money. Does it help him to do the finest, most truly creative work of which he is capable? Does he take serious risks? Doesn't he—nine cases out of ten—feel that he must "play safe?"

Mr. Laurence touches on that point, implying that it is only the predestined coward who "faints by a warm heartiness"—although Kipling said it was the "strong heart."

"The coward who is afraid to seize on the golden chance that beckons," Mr. Laurence tells us, "that he loses the silver one in his hand, will never get very far, and for such as these marriage is an anchor rather than an impetus. I have heard more than one married man say: 'If I were single I could afford to take a chance. I don't dare.' The man I know who has risen to prosperity are not those who in this fashion, let 'I dare not' wait upon 'I would.'"

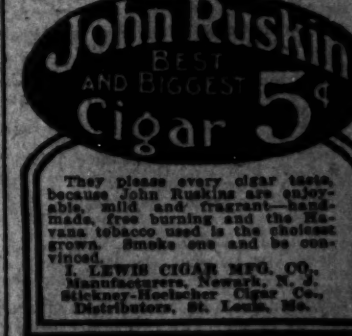
Yet marriage, as it is conventionally managed, means that the husband assumes responsibility for the physical support and well-being of his wife and the children that may come to them.

How can he take the "all or nothing" gambles with life? What right has he to risk "nothing" for his family?

The fact that more married men than single are business successes may be due to the other fact—that the average man is either born to marriage, achieves it or has it thrust upon him.

But, even if marriage cannot be proved a direct cause of financial success, is that any reason why we should not wed?

That marriage, like honesty, is the best policy, seems to me a rather odd and uninteresting reason for marrying. That it's a glorious reach toward heaven—sometimes a snap—makes it worth all it costs in human mistakes and misery.



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THE POST-DISPATCH  
DAILY SHORT STORYGood and  
Careful, Too

By Sam Hellman.

"B E good," said the Sage Hamurabi; if you can't be good, be careful. Inversely, if you can't be careful, be good. There is a wide difference of opinion as to whether you can get by with more stuff by being wicked and careful or by being good and regardless.

As far as the employees of the Peerless Department Store could observe Hilda Brown in children's ready-to-wear was both good and careful. On one occasion when she gave a dime to a beggar in the street—a good deed—she was careful to explain to observers that she did not know the man. A young girl can't be too circumspect in these days of tongues.

"Say, I had a swell time last night," yawned Effie Huff, her counter mate, one morning. "I went to a dance with Jake. We missed the last car and had to walk. I didn't get home until 4 o'clock."

"I hope no one saw you," said Hilda.

"Huh?"

"You'd get talked about."

"I should worry," sniffed Effie. "I've been talked about by experts. Get busy; there's a customer."

A young man was fingering some children's dresses.

"I wish you would help me out," he said with a smile as Hilda approached. "I want to get a dress for a little girl about 8 years old. I never bought one before."

"What size? Do you know?"

"No, I don't. I guess she's about the same size as a regular 8-year-old girl. I want to surprise my sister's child. I'll tell you what. Give me a dress for a girl 8 years old. She's eventually bound to grow into it, isn't she?"

"That's a funny way to buy clothes," laughed Hilda. "I think this will do, though. They're wearing them loose this season."

"Fine," said the customer. "I wonder if I could abuse your generosity a little further. Would you help me pick out a coat and a hat for her? I like your taste."

Hilda hesitated a bit.

"I'm afraid I can't leave my counter," she said.

"Go ahead," said Effie. "I'll take care of it for you."

So Hilda helped the stranger make the remainder of his purchases. He was a pleasant young man, and before he left the store he had persuaded Hilda to help him select a necktie for himself. Shortly afterward a boy brought a large box of candy to her. Under the string was a card.

"Thanks very much for helping me out," it said.

T. J. ARKWRIGHT.

The other side of the card indicated that he was an attorney in the building across the street from the Peerless.

"Who's your friend?" asked Effie.

"That's from the man I picked out those clothes for. I'm going to give it back."

"What for?" asked Effie.

"I'm not taking any chances," replied Hilda. "The first thing I know he's trying to make a date with me. I'm taking care of my reputation. You can't be too careful these days. A little thing like this might get you in awfully bad."

"My heavens!" exclaimed Effie. "If you're that careful you'll never meet any prominent people."

Hilda decided to leave the candy in Arkwright's office while she was out at lunch. He was in the outer office alone when she arrived.

"Hello!" he exclaimed, with cordiality. "Glad to see you. What's that?"

"I came to return this box of candy," said Hilda. "I appreciate your intentions, but I make it a principle—"

"The door smashed open."

"So this is the woman you've been meeting," almost screamed a voice behind Hilda.

"My dear," broke in Arkwright, "this is a girl from the Peerless—"

"Candy," shouted the woman, "you never bring your wife any. What's in this?" and she tore her finger through the covering of the bundle of clothing.

"Clothes for this hussy! I've found you out, and as for you, you home-breaker, I'll see that the store—"

Arkwright made another attempt to break into the stream of hot words and Hilda in tears ran from the office back to the store.

"Why the grouch?" asked Tillotson, in furniture, as she approached her counter.

"Cheer up. By the way, we are having a hay ride in the country to-night. Lots of drink and lots of fun."

"One of these all-night affairs?" asked Hilda.

"Uh, huh, pretty nearly."

"Chaperons?"

"No."

"Oh, Hilda won't go," broke in Effie.

"You mind your own business," snapped Hilda. "Sure I will."

The Sandman Story  
For To-night

By Mrs. F.A. Walker

## JOHNNIE'S CIRCUS—Part II.

W HEN Ann returned she was dressed in a white dress, the skirt of which stood out around her like a loop. She removed her shoes and stood on a box the boys had placed beside of Dobbin.

After several attempts Ann reached his back and grabbed his mane with both hands.

"Stand up," commanded Frank. "Whoever saw a circus lady ride sitting down?"

"I did," said Ann. "Once I saw a lady ride on the side of a horse like this."

Ann still clung to Dobbin's mane with one hand, while she hid her body toward his side.

Dobbin all this time had stood perfectly still, but just as Ann moved he decided to change his position, and lowered the side where Ann was sitting and off she went on to the floor.

"You have got to stand up and ride or you can't play," said Frank, as he helped her up again.

"Don't you make him go fast, will you?" said Ann, grasping Dobbin's mane and trying to get on to her feet.

But Dobbin's back was not made for tightback riding, and one of Ann's feet slipped and off she went. Frank and Johnnie catching her before she struck the floor.

She was frightened this time, and when Frank said, "You can't play circus any more, you don't know how to stand up," she got her hands and wept into her arms.

"We can play circus," said John-

nie. "Girls never can play anything that is fun."

"I wish we had a pistol," said Frank. "All Wild West shows have pistols that shoot. We can get grandfather's old gun; it is in the kitchen, back of the door."

Johnnie ran into the house. "It isn't there," he said, coming back with a clothline in his hand.

"We can use this to lasso the cows with. Come along, or grandfather will come back and stop us."

Johnnie got on Dobbin's back and Frank ran along beside him. They went into the pasture and Johnnie threw the clothline at the first cow he came to. The cow did not seem a bit startled, and Johnnie rode closer. This time he hit her with the cord and she jumped and ran. This started all the cows, and off they went on the run down a hill, at the foot of which was a stream of water.

Johnnie urged Dobbin to follow, but Dobbin was over his running days, and the best Johnnie could get him to do was a gallop.

Frank followed after them, and just as Dobbin reached the foot of the hill he stumbled, and Johnnie went over his head, landing in the water. Luckily for him the bottom of the stream was muddy and he was not hurt. Dobbin did not stop; he had had enough of playing wild West, and he trotted off home. He reached the barn just as his master and the hired man drove into the yard. When Johnnie's grandfather went into the barn he stood and looked around in amazement.

"We were playing circus," Johnnie

explained to his grandfather. "We didn't hurt anything, and we were going to clean it all away before you came back. We thought you would not care if we didn't make any trouble."

"What about that ox?" asked his grandfather. "Were you going to get the point off of him?"

"It will wear off, and I thought you would not mind as long as we didn't hurt him," replied Johnnie.

"Where have you been?" asked his grandfather, when he noticed Johnnie's wet and muddy clothes.

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